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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

March 27, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O. Q 7016  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated March 26, 1944 from the above-named inmate to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Very truly yours,

RECEIVED DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
WARDEN

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
April 3, 1944**

**AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY**

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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Director, FBI.

**Re: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN,  
with aliases, et al;  
ESPIONAGE - J**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 30, 1944, requesting the comments of Special Agent ROBERT L. SHIVERS concerning certain allegations made by [redacted] Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Hawaii.

- Concerning specification No. 1, please be advised that as soon as the telegram which was sent by the Japanese Consul General in Hawaii to the foreign office in Tokyo, pertaining to the system of signals which had been prepared to keep the Japanese submarines off the Island of Oahu, advised concerning the movement of the American fleet, was decoded, I was satisfied this system of signals had been devised by OTTO KUEHN, who, with his wife FRIEDEL and daughter RUTH, had been interned on December 8 1941, having been picked up by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. OTTO KUEHN, FRIEDEL KUEHN and RUTH KUEHN were placed in internment at the Immigration Station in Honolulu under the jurisdiction of the Provost Marshal for the Hawaiian Department of the Army. On or about December 15, 1941, they were brought to the Honolulu Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where I talked to each of them separately. I did inform all three of them that the Bureau had evidence that OTTO and FRIEDEL KUEHN had been engaged in espionage for the Japanese government, but I did not intimate to any of them that OTTO KUEHN and his wife FRIEDEL KUEHN would be shot. I did point out to them the seriousness of the offense which they had committed. They both denied any implication in collecting military information for the Japanese government at that time. They were interviewed very briefly and were not brought back to the office for further interrogation until the latter part of December, 1941, or the first part of January, 1942.

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April 3, 1944

Re: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, was., et al  
ESPIONAGE - J

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It is a fact that OTTO KUEHN was taken to Schofield Barracks, where he was confined for one night and a part of two days.

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The foregoing was submitted by Special Agent ROBERT L. BRIVERS.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD  
SAC



## UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

March 16, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#53 Re:

96874

#121

HUEHN, Bernard J. C.  
Reg. No. 89603-L

96875

Dear Sir:

Forinded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated March 14, 1944 from

Letter dated March 10, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel  
Huehn, Central State Internment Camp, Central City,  
Colorado, to Bernard J. C. Huehn, No. 89603-L.

Very truly yours,



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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH KANSAS

March 20, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121

Re: MUEHL, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59503-1

96910

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated March 19, 1944 from the above-named inmate to Mrs. Friedel Muehl, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Very truly yours,

*Walter H. Hunter*  
Walter H. Hunter  
Warden

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March 16, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: *PHOTO*, Bernard J. G.  
Ref. No. 57603-1

96845

#93

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated March 3, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Huehn, Crystal City Industrial Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. G. Huehn, No. 57603-1.

Letter dated March 13, 1944 from

*el*  
Very truly yours,

*Robert Huehn*  
Robert J. Huehn  
PRISON

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*Otto Kuehn*

Box No. PHB-59603  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

To Mrs. Friedel Kuehn  
San Antonio Camp  
Crystal City  
Texas

Invoice of Goods from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Assigned to: *Case No. 100-100000*

*Received from Otto Bremer, with \$100000*  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

March 13, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: [illegible] and [illegible]  
[illegible]

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for your file are copies of letters to this  
Bureau from the following individuals:

#121 Letter dated March 13, 1944 from Edward Q6830  
J. C. [illegible], to Mr. [illegible],  
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

#53 Letter dated March 13, 1944 from [illegible] Q6831

Very truly yours,

*C. C. [illegible]*  
[illegible]

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*Mrs*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
March 6, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Ref. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

#121 Letter dated March 5, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. 96699

#121 Letter dated February 25, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate. 96700

#53 Letter dated March 1, 1944 from [illegible] 96701

#93 Letter dated March 5, 1944 from [illegible] 96702

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Very truly yours,

*W. A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

February 28, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BRENN, Bernard J. C.  
Reg. No. 6763-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

- #121 Letter dated February 27, 1944 from *26617*  
Bernard J. C. Brenn, No. 6763-L, to Mrs.  
Friedel Brenn, Internment Camp, Crystal City,  
Texas.
- #53 Letter dated February 23, 1944 from *26618*
- #53 Letter dated February 25, 1944 from *el*  
*26619*

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

February 25, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHL, Bernard J. C.  
Reg. No. 45-403-L

Dear Sir:

1121 Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this  
Institution is a letter dated February 17, 1944 from Mrs.  
Friedel Kuehl, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City,  
Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. R. H. H.*  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
February 19, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: <sup>0</sup> MUELL, Bernard J. C.  
Reg. No. 56603-1

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Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated February 9, 1944 from Eric Friesel Auer, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

February 21, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Dear Sir:

For information of the Bureau, the following are the letters received from the following individuals:

#121 Letter dated February 21, 1944 from Q6490  
Jesse Lee, 1010 N. 1st St.,  
St. Paul, Minn., 55101, to  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

#53 Letter dated February 21, 1944 from Q6491  
Jesse Lee, 1010 N. 1st St.,  
St. Paul, Minn., 55101, to  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

February 14, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: HUNTER, Bernard J. C., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Q6391

Enclosed herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated February 12, 1944 from the Shaw-Walsh Institute to Mrs. Mildred Lucien, Intendant, Camp, Central Prison, Texas.

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Walter A. Hunter  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
February 7, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Bernard J. C., No. 59603-1

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

#53	Letter dated February 2, 1944 from	Q6249
#121	Letter dated February 5, 1944 from Bernard J. C. Kuehn, No. 59603-1, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Capitol City, Texas.	Q6250
#93	Letter dated February 6, 1944 from	Q6251
#10	Letter dated February 9, 1944 from	Q6252

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Very truly yours,

*W. J. C.*  
W. J. C.  
Director

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Berle:

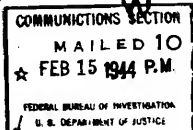
As you may recall, Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn, a German resident of Hawaii, was tried before a Military Commission in Honolulu and on February 21, 1942, was found guilty of espionage activities on behalf of the Japanese Government. On the same day, Kuehn was sentenced to be shot, but on October 26, 1942, this sentence was commuted to fifty years at hard labor at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is presently confined.

[REDACTED]

This is the first intimation which this Bureau has had of an interest in the Kuehns on the part of the Germans through the Swiss Legation, and we would appreciate being advised whether any inquiries or overtures have been made to you about the Kuehns by the Swiss representatives.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
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February 12, 1946

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: **KENNARD JULIUS OTTO KUSH** et al;  
ESPIONAGE - J**SECRET**  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Starke \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Bushm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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As you may recall, Friedel Kuehn is the wife of subject, who was convicted for espionage by a Military Commission in Hawaii on February 21, 1942, and sentenced to be shot to death. However, on October 26, 1942, this sentence was commuted to fifty years at hard labor, and Kuehn was confined in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Kuehn is the man who had been very active in Honolulu in getting espionage information and furnished the Japanese Consul there with a system of signals to be used for communicating intelligence data to ships at sea. His system of signalling was the subject of a cable from the Japanese Consul in Honolulu to the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokyo on December 3, 1941. It is known that Kuehn was paid \$14,000 in cash by a representative of the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu during October, 1941. It is also known that he received over \$70,000 by transfers of funds through international banking channels, as well as \$10,000 cash, which was delivered to him by a purser aboard a Japanese vessel. He claimed that this money was his own and had been forwarded to him by a Japanese agent. He supposedly was arranging for the transfer of Kuehn's money out of Japan by way of Japan.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

This appears to be the first indication of any interest in the Kuehns by the Germans through the Swiss Legation which has come to the attention of the Bureau. [REDACTED] 61

ACTION:

Attached for your approval is a letter to the State Department asking whether any overtures of inquiries have been made about the Kuehns by the Swiss Legation.

Respectfully,

*L. L. Laughlin*  
L. L. Laughlin

Attachments

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
February 3, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: MUEHN, Bernard J. O. No. 59603-L 9 6213  
#53 9 6214

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to  
this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated February 2, 1944 from

Letter dated January 29, 1944 from  
Mr. Friedel Muehn, Intervent Camp, Crystal  
City, Texas, to Bernard J. C. Muehn, No.  
59603-L.

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

January 31, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: FULT, Bernard J. C., No. 59603-1

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

#121

Letter dated January 30, 1944 from Bernard J. C. Fult, No. 59603-1, to Mrs. Friedel Fult, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

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Letter dated January 26, 1944 from

Q6136

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Walter J. Rector  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

January 26, 1941

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Res. 6177, Edward J. G., No. 59603-L 26104

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for consideration and return to this institution is a letter from the above-named inmate to Mr. Edward Guehn, c/o Punahoa School, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Hunter*  
W. A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

January 29, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

4121 Re: <sup>0</sup> FUGITIVE, Bernard J. C., No. 59503-L 06125

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter from Mrs. Friedel Mehn, Central City Internment Camp, Central City, Texas (dated January 28, 1944), to the above-named inmate.

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENT  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

January 25, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: FUGED, Edward J. G., No. 19603-1

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for conscription and return to  
this institution are the following listed letters:

#121	Letter dated January 19 from Bernard J. G. Fuchs, No. 5343-1, to Mrs. Friedel Fuchs, Central City Internment Camp, Central City, Texas.	06050
#53	Letter dated January 12 from	26051

Very truly yours,

*Washington*  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
January 30, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

① Re: Mrs. Friedel Wehn, to 59403-1

Dear Sir:

For airded herewith for consignment and return to  
this institution are the following listed letters:

#93 letter dated January 18, 1944 from Q5954

#53 letter dated January 19, 1944 from Q5955

#121 letter dated January 15, 1944 from  
Mrs. Friedel Wehn, Consignee of Internment  
Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Oswald J. C.  
Wehn, to 59403-1. Q5956

Very truly yours,

*W. A. R. Hunter*  
W. A. R. Hunter  
Director

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

January 17, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L 858

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to  
this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated January 8, 1944, from  
Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal  
City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No.  
59603-L.

Letter, dated January 16, 1944, from  
the above-named inmate to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn,  
Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden *WJH*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

January 10, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: KUHN, Bernard J. O. 25781  
Res. No. 59603-1

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is the enclosed letter, dated January 9, 1944, from the above-named inmate to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

Encl.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
January 3, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUERN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated December 30, 1943, from  
#121 Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L. 95702

Letter, dated January 2, 1944, from  
#121 Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. 95703

Letter, dated December 29, 1943, from  
#53 95704

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
December 27, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: <sup>#121</sup> KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

<sup>#121</sup> Letter, dated December 23, 1943, from Q 5514  
Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal  
City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

<sup>#121</sup> Letter, dated December 26, 1943, from Q 5515  
Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel  
Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

<sup>#53</sup> Letter, dated December 22, 1943, from Q 5516

<sup>#32</sup> Message from

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Q 5517

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
December 22, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: MUEHN, Bernard J. C., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

- #121 Card, dated December 12, 1943, from *Q5428*  
Mrs. Friedel Muehn, Internment Camp, Crystal  
City, Texas, to Bernard J. C. Muehn, No. 59603-L.
- #121 letter, dated December 1, 1943, from *Q5429*  
Bernard J. C. Muehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel  
Muehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.
- #53 letter, dated December 15, 1943, from *Q5430*

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
December 14, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

#121 Letter, dated December 5, 1943, from Mrs. Friedel Auehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L. Q5355

#121 Letter, dated December 12, 1943, from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. Q5356

#53 Letter, dated December 8, 1943, from Q5357

#93 Letter, dated December 13, 1943, from Q5358

#93 Letter, dated December 13, 1943, from Q5359

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
December 7, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

(8121)  
Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated November 26, 1943, from #121 Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. C. Kuehn, No. 59603-L. Q5203  
Letter, dated December 6, 1943, from #43 Q5204

Very truly yours,

  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
December 6, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#152 Re:

#121

KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L 9514

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated December 3, 1943. from

Letter, dated December 5, 1943, from  
Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel  
Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
November 29, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-1

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated November 28, 1943, from  
#121 Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-1, to Mrs. Friedel #5065-  
Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Letter, dated November 24, 1943, from #5066

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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## UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

November 23, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

(KUEHN, Bernard J. O., 59603-L)

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

#152 Letter, dated November 21, 1943, from 24971

#121 Letter, dated November 14, 1943, from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Frieda Kuehn, Crystal City, Texas. 24972

#53 Letter, dated November 17, 1943, from 24973

#53 Letter, dated November 10, 1943, from the 24974

#93 Letter, dated November 22, 1943, from 24975

#93 Letter, dated November 19, 1943, from 24976

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Very truly yours,

*Walter J. Hunter*  
Walter J. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

November 24, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. C., No. 59603-L 94998

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is the enclosed letter, dated Nov. 18, 1943, from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Very truly yours,

  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
November 19, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters;

#53	Letter, dated November 17, 1943, from	Q4906
#121	Letter, dated November 11, 1943, from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.	Q4907
#53	Letter, dated November 15, 1943, from	Q4908

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Very truly yours,

  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
November 8, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUERN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

#10	Letter, dated Nov. 8, 1943, from	Q4719
#121	Letter, dated Nov. 7, 1943, from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.	Q4720
#93	Letter, dated Nov. 5, 1943, from	Q4721
#93	Letter, dated Nov. 7, 1943, from	Q4722

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Punter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENT  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

November 15, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated November 14, 1943, from Q 4819

Letter, dated November 7, 1943, from  
#121 Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Q 4820  
Kuehn.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Hunter*

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
Leavenworth, Kansas

October 25, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: <sup>①</sup>Kuehn, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-1  
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Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters;

Letter, dated October 23, 1943, from  
Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel  
Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City Texas. ALL  
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Letter, dated October 22, 1943, from  
the Legation of Switzerland, Washington, D. C.,  
to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

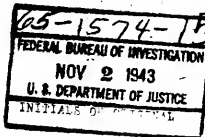
Letter, dated October 20, 1943, from  
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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
November 13, 1943

Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#12/ Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. C., No. 59603-L

Q4800

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is the enclosed letter, dated November 4, 1943, from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Very truly yours,

WALTER A. HUNTER  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

November 1, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUTBI, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated October 31, 1943, from  
the above-named inmate, to Mrs. Friedel Fuchn,  
Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Q 4595

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Letter, dated October 27, 1943, from  
Mrs. Friedel Fuchn, Internment Camp, Crystal  
City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Q 4596

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Very truly yours,

  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENT  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

November 5, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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#121 Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L 54710

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter, dated October 27, 1943, from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Very truly yours,



Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 14, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS *from*

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Piper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is an interesting case write up entitled:

BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUHN, with aliases  
Otto K. Kuehn, Otto Kuhn, Otto K. Kuhn,  
ESPIONAGE

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd

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BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, with aliases  
Otto K. Kuehn, ~~Otto Kuhn~~, Otto K. Kuhn,  
~~Mr. Kuehn~~  
ESPIONAGE

On the morning following the perfidious Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor, representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation *learned* succeeded in obtaining from various commercial radio and cable companies in Honolulu copies of certain messages exchanged between the Japanese Consulate at Honolulu, T. H. and the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokyo which theretofore had been unavailable. The translation of one of these messages revealed that, on December 3, 1941, Nagasaki, the Japanese Consul General in Honolulu, had furnished his Foreign Office with a complete system of signals to be used in the transmission of intelligence information regarding movements of the American fleet at Pearl Harbor. Among the signals agreed upon were "a light in Lanikai beach house at night - " and "a light in dormer window of Kalama house - -".

*O. Kuehn*  
Upon checking the houses in Kalama, which is a comparatively small community located at Kailua, Oahu, T. H., Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation located a home with a dormer window. It was determined that this residence was owned and occupied by an individual named Otto Kuehn and his wife, Friedel, German nationals, who had been suspected of engaging in espionage activities in behalf of Germany and Japan and concerning whom considerable investigation had been conducted by the Office of Naval Intelligence, the Military Intelligence Service of the War Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During these inquiries, it was learned that the Kuehns, in addition to their residence in Kalama, also maintained a beach house at Lanikai.

Following the declaration of war against the United States by Germany on December 8, 1941, the Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department ordered all German and Italian aliens to be picked up for temporary custodial detention. Pursuant to this command, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the same date apprehended Kuehn and his wife.



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At first the Kuehns steadfastly denied acting in behalf of the Japanese Government. However, when confronted with the evidence which had been developed through vigorous investigation, Kuehn on December 30, 1941, furnished a signed statement admitting that he had prepared the system of signals for the Japanese Consul General, which the latter dispatched to Tokyo in his message on December 3, 1941. Kuehn explained that sometime during November, 1941, he contacted Otojiro Okuda, the Japanese Vice Consul at Honolulu, and offered to assist the Japanese in obtaining information of interest respecting the national defense of the United States. In accepting this proffered aid, Okuda reportedly requested Kuehn to secure general data regarding the movement of the American fleet at Pearl Harbor and then devise a system of signals in order that this information might be imparted to the Japanese fleet. Pursuant to this request, Kuehn, accompanied by his ten-year-old son, Hans Joachim, drove to the vicinity of Pearl Harbor for the purpose of observing the American vessels moored there at that time. Three or four days later Kuehn again called at the Japanese Consulate and conferred with Kita and Okuda. During this visit, Kuehn submitted a system of signalling which could be used by the Consulate in order to furnish information relative to the types and number of American ships in Pearl Harbor, as well as those preparing to leave and those which had already departed. After considering the particular system, the Japanese were of the opinion that it was too complicated and requested that a simpler system be devised. In fact, a specific request of this nature was made to Kuehn by Vice Consul Okuda.

On December 2, 1941, Kuehn again visited the Japanese Consulate at Honolulu, at which time he delivered to Vice Consul Okuda a revised and simplified system of signalling. On this same occasion, Kuehn furnished written information concerning the number and various types of American ships then in Hawaiian waters.

On or about October 25, 1941, \$14,000 in cash was delivered to Kuehn at his residence in Kalama by Tadasi Morimura, Fourth Secretary of the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu.

Kuehn went on trial before the Military Commission in Honolulu on February 19, 1942, for violation of Sections 31, 32, and 34, Title 50, United States Code Annotated. The charges against Kuehn specifically alleged that he conspired with the Japanese Vice Consul in Honolulu to transmit to Japan information pertaining to the national defense of the United States and to perform certain overt acts to effect such a conspiracy. Further, on or about December 2, 1941, Kuehn transmitted information relating to the United States Naval fleet and the national defense of America

to an agent of the Imperial Japanese Government. Kuehn was also charged with unlawfully obtaining information regarding the number and types of United States Naval vessels based at Pearl Harbor with the intent and reason to believe that it was to be used for the injury of the United States and to the advantage of the Japanese Government.

A verdict of guilty on each of the preferred charges was returned by the Military Commission on February 21, 1942, and on the same date Kuehn was sentenced to be shot. On October 26, 1942, Kuehn's sentence was commuted to fifty years at hard labor.

Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn was born on July 25, 1895, in Berlin, Germany. In April, 1913, he enlisted in the German Navy and after a brief training period served as a midshipman aboard a German cruiser until January, 1915, when his ship was sunk in a sea battle with an English war vessel and Kuehn taken as a prisoner of war by the British. Following the Armistice, Kuehn returned to Berlin and re-entered the Naval service as an Ober-Lieutenant aboard the mother ship of a mine sweeper flotilla. After about six months of such service, Kuehn was released and placed in the Naval Reserve Corps. He studied medicine at the University of Berlin and the University of Munich for about a year and one-half and thereafter engaged in various occupations in Germany.

On May 10, 1920, Kuehn married ~~Frieda~~ Birk at Munchen, Germany. *by a previous marriage*  
At the time of this union, Mrs. Kuehn was the mother of two children named Leopold and Ruth. Two additional children, Martin Eberhard and Hans Joachim, resulted from the Kuehns' marriage.

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Kuehn admittedly became associated with the Nazi Party in 1930 as the result of his attending a meeting called by Hitler in Kiel, Germany. However, he contends that he did not become active until 1932. He frankly boasts that he was considered with Reinhold Heydrich for the position as Chief of the German Gestapo under Heinrich Himmler but, according to Kuehn's story, Heydrich double-crossed him by means of a ruse, which, coupled with Himmler's personal dislike for him, resulted in Heydrich's receiving the appointment, a position he, according to Nazi standard, filled so capably.

Kuehn was first admitted to the United States at Honolulu on August 15, 1935, for the ostensible purpose of studying the Japanese language.

Except for two short visits to Japan, one in 1936 and the other in 1938, Kuehn has resided in Honolulu continuously. Between May 14, 1936, and February 7, 1939, over \$70,000 was deposited to the credit of this individual and his wife in a bank in Honolulu by the Rotterdam Bank Association in Amsterdam. This income supposedly accrued from investments and business interests owned by Kuehn in Germany and Holland. He explained the receipt of the money as the result of an agreement entered into with

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Around the end of 1939, Kuehn was reported as being in dire financial straits, at which time he established a beauty parlor, to be operated by his daughter, Ruth. About this enterprise, Mrs. Kuehn has been known to remark that the beauty shop was opened primarily to obtain Navy business.

At the time of Mrs. Kuehn's departure from Japan on February 19, 1940, she brought with her a series of newspaper articles on "American Polynesia" which had appeared in the Honolulu "Advertiser" and contained descriptions of various British and American islands.

Upon her return to Honolulu on April 20, 1940, Mrs. Kuehn reportedly brought with her approximately \$16,000 in cash in large denominations.

During the extensive investigation conducted by the various intelligence agencies, it was learned that a dormer window was constructed in the attic of the Kuehns' residence on Kalsma Road during the early fall of 1940. In January of the same year, [REDACTED] b6 b7c

During their stay in Honolulu, the Kuehns did considerable entertaining and seemed to exhibit a particular interest in Army and Navy officers. It is known, for example, that an enlisted sailor in a uniform driving a car with Pearl Harbor tags and also a certain individual in an auto mobile bearing identification plates of Schofield Barracks had visited the Kuehns.

The Kuehns were rather generally known in Honolulu as possessing pro-Nazi sympathies and being interested in the activities of various German clubs in that area. Mrs. Kuehn is credited with the statement that

she assisted the youth movement in Germany when Hitler was coming into power, and it is further known that Leopold Kuehn in a letter written to his parents on March 27, 1939, expressed sorrow that his father was not a participant in the present war because, as an old National Socialist, he deserved a role in current events.

Prior to his involvement in this difficulty, no previous criminal record has been located on Kuehn in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mrs. Kuehn, a son, Eberhard Martin Kuehn, as well as the daughter Ruth, have been interned for the duration of the war.

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SYNOPSIS

On the morning following the Japanese air attack on the Island of Oahu, the Globe Wireless and Mackay Radio and Telegraph Companies, at the request of a Bureau representative, furnished copies of all messages which had been sent and received by the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu, T. H.

A translation of one of the messages dispatched on December 3, 1941, by Hago Kito, the Japanese Consul General in Honolulu, to the Foreign Minister at Tokyo, set forth a complete system of signals to be used in communicating intelligence information to the enemy. One of the signals to be thus employed was "a light in dormer window of Kalmus house from 7:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. every hour," indicating the sailings of aircraft carriers and battle forces on certain days.

Immediately upon decoding and translating this message, intensive investigation was conducted for the purpose of locating and identifying the Japanese agents who had been responsible for the use of this signal. This investigation disclosed that the "Kalmus house with the dormer window" undoubtedly was owned by Otto Kuehn and his wife, Friedel, who had been the subjects of considerable investigation by the Bureau, ONI, and G-2. These persons, with their daughter, Ruth Carson Moore, were interned at Honolulu on December 8, 1941.

Upon interrogation, Kuehn admitted furnishing the Japanese Consul General and Vice Consul at Honolulu with an elaborate signalling system to be used in transmitting information of an intelligence character to representatives of the Japanese Government.

Kuehn explained that he contacted Otojire Okada, the Japanese Vice Consul in Honolulu, during November, 1941, and offered to assist in obtaining information of interest. Okada asked Kuehn for data regarding the number of ships in Hawaiian waters, and Kuehn promised he would endeavor to find out. Okada also asked Kuehn about maneuvers of the United States fleet in the Pacific, but Kuehn contended that he could not develop information of this nature. Thereupon Okada requested him to work out a set of signals whereby the Japanese fleet would be advised as to the number of American ships in Pearl Harbor, how many were preparing to leave, and how many had already departed. Following this meeting with Okada, Kuehn, with his son, Hans Joachim, age ten, made a

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trip in his automobile to the vicinity of Pearl Harbor and observed the ships there at that time. Three or four days later, subject again contacted Okada, at which time he also conferred with the Japanese Consul General, Nagao Kita. It was on this visit that Kuehn submitted his signalling system. However, following a consultation between Kita and Okada, the latter told Kuehn the system was too complicated and requested him to prepare a simpler method. Kuehn did this and delivered the revised system to the Japanese Vice Consul on December 2, 1941. On the same date, he furnished written information concerning the number and various types of ships in Hawaiian waters, which data subsequently were determined to be substantially correct.

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On or about October 25, 1941, \$14,000 in cash was delivered to Kuehn at his residence in Kailua, Kailua, Oahu, T. H. by Tadashi Marimura, Fourth Secretary of the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu. In addition, Kuehn and his wife had over \$70,000 deposited to their credit at the Bishop National Bank, Honolulu, by the Rotterdam Bank Association, Amsterdam, through the National City Bank of New York, between May 14, 1936, and February 7, 1939.

On February 19, 1942, Kuehn was tried before a Military Commission in Honolulu on three counts for violation of Sections 31, 32, and 34, Title 50, USCA. On February 21, 1942, the Military Commission returned a verdict of guilty on each count, and Kuehn was sentenced to be shot. This verdict of guilty was confirmed on October 26, 1942, but his sentence was commuted to fifty years imprisonment by the Military Governor.

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ORIGIN

Rachn first came to the Bureau's attention in February, 1939, when a personal acquaintance of the Assistant to the Director, Mr. E. A. Tamm, b7c

reported information which was furnished to him by friends in the Hawaiian Islands, who desired to remain anonymous, indicating that subject and his wife were believed to be espionage agents. This report pointed out that, although Rachn and his wife had no apparent source of income, they owned two homes at Kailua, Oahu, one of which was very large, and further, they allegedly entertained lavishly, particularly Army officers. This information was immediately made available to GHI and G-2 and the San Francisco Field Division of the Bureau, inasmuch as the Honolulu Field Office was not then opened, and instructions were issued that inquiry regarding these persons be conducted when an Agent was next in the Territory of Hawaii.

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING

The exact details regarding the recruitment of Eashm never were fully developed, although he did admit that during July of 1936, while en route to Japan on a Japanese boat.



Subject arrived in New York City on April 20, 1935, in transit to Japan via Honolulu, for the alleged purpose of studying the Japanese language in order that he might return to his native country and secure a position in the mercantile field. After reaching Japan, he decided he could make better progress in his language study at the University of Hawaii and accordingly returned to Honolulu on August 15, 1935, being admitted for a twelve-month period as a non-immigrant. In December, 1935, Eashm's daughter, Ruth, and son, Martin Eberhard, joined him. His wife, Friedal, entered the United States as a non-immigrant for a six-month period on March 17, 1936, and arrived in Honolulu in the following month, accompanied by her son, Hans. Subsequently, Mrs. Eashm requested and was granted an extension of her stay and she was admitted for permanent residence at New York City as a quota immigrant on September 25, 1937.

Eashm's original entry permit was extended to August 14, 1937, to enable him to continue his Japanese studies. Thereafter, he again visited Japan and was admitted to the United States as a quota immigrant on October 29, 1936.

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Kasha underestimated the amount he received by transfers through the Bishop National Bank at Honolulu, asserting that in all approximately \$30,000 was deposited to his credit.

Kushn stated that he was unable to get any additional funds from abroad from the end of 1938 until the spring of 1940, at which time his wife proceeded to Japan to arrange this matter.

Approximately five months later, around September, 1940, \$10,000 in American money was delivered to Kuehn [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] With this letter, Kuehn sent a Duden (German Grammar Dictionary, similar to a Webster Dictionary, retaining a copy for his own use, and explained that in future communications, he would use a number code which would indicate the page and the word from the top of the page denoting the word intended -- such as, if the word "money" appeared on page 210 of the dictionary and was the sixth word down from the top, to indicate the word "money", Kuehn would use the number "210 - 6."

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According to Kuehn, in October, 1941, following the arrival of the Tatata Maru in Honolulu from Japan, a Japanese employee of that vessel called in person at subject's Kalamia residence and delivered to him a letter and a package containing \$14,000 in \$100 and \$20 bills.

Upon opening the letter, Kuehn found a sheet of paper containing a typewritten message in English, asking if he had a short-wave transmitter and whether he would be willing to make a test on a certain wave length at a stated time on an evening in the immediate future. Kuehn claims that the unknown Japanese gave him a sheet of paper and an envelope for the purpose of replying, and he asserts that he wrote he was unable to make such a test.

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About this payment, investigation revealed that on or about October 23, 1941, \$14,000 in cash was delivered by Tadashi Marimura, Fourth Secretary of the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu, to Kuehn at his residence at Kalamia.

Kuehn explained that these various sums of money which he received from Japan were turned over to his wife, and at no time were these amounts ever deposited in the banks in Honolulu except for the purpose of carrying a small account.

It is interesting to observe that Kuehn insisted that some of the money which was transferred to his account at the Reich National Bank in Danzig from Holland resulted from investments and business interests in Germany and Holland, although the extent of such interests never has been fully developed.

#### MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

During the first part of November, 1941, Kaseha visited the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu for the ostensible purpose of inquiring whether he could send money to his son, Leopold, in Germany through the Yokohama Specie Bank. He talked with Otajiro Okada, the Japanese Vice Consul, who told him to return in two or three days for a definite answer. Upon returning, Kaseha was told that the Consulate could do nothing to grant his request. Kaseha then offered to assist Okada and the Consulate in obtaining information in which they might have an interest; Okada asked Kaseha if he knew how many ships were in Hawaiian waters, and subject told him he would endeavor to find out. Two or three days later he returned to the Consulate and again spoke with Okada, who introduced him to Nagao Kita, the Japanese Consul General. At that time, Kaseha told Kita and Okada that he had a short-wave transmitter and could send messages for them if they so desired. He also outlined a system of signalling which could be used to furnish information relative to the types of ships in Pearl Harbor, as well as those which had departed. The system proposed by Kaseha contained the following fifteen sets of signals which would be given by a light in his home at Lanikai or Kalahe in a manner that they would be visible at sea by a submarine:

1. One light between 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. meant battle fleet in harbor.
2. One light between 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. meant scouting force in harbor.
3. One light between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. meant aircraft carriers in harbor.
4. One light between 9:00 and 10:00 P.M. meant battle fleet prepared to leave.
5. One light between 10:00 and 11:00 P.M. meant scouting force prepared to leave.
6. One light between 11:00 and 12:00 Midnight meant aircraft carriers prepared to leave.
7. One light between 12:00 and 1:00 A.M. meant battle fleet left one to two days ago.
8. One light between 1:00 and 2:00 A.M. meant scouting force left one to two days ago.
9. Two lights between 6:00 and 7:00 P.M. meant aircraft carriers left one to two days ago.



10. Two lights between 7:00 and 8:00 P.M. meant battle fleet left three to four days ago.
11. Two lights between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. meant scouting force left three to four days ago.
12. Two lights between 9:00 and 10:00 P.M. meant aircraft carriers left three to four days ago.
13. Two lights between 10:00 and 11:00 P.M. meant battle fleet left five to six days ago.
14. Two lights between 11:00 and 12:00 Midnight meant scouting force left five to six days ago.
15. Two lights between 12:00 and 1:00 A.M. meant aircraft carriers left five to six days ago.

The above signals could also be sent by means of lines on a clothes line at Kuchin's Lanchai home in the following manner:

1. One sheet between 6:00 and 7:00 A.M. meant battle fleet in harbor.
2. One sheet between 7:00 and 8:00 A.M. meant scouting force in harbor.
3. One sheet between 8:00 and 9:00 A.M. meant aircraft carriers in harbor.
4. One sheet between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. meant battle fleet prepared to leave.
5. One sheet between 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. meant scouting force prepared to leave.
6. One sheet between 11:00 and 12:00 Noon meant aircraft carriers prepared to leave.
7. One sheet between 12:00 and 1:00 A.M. meant battle fleet left one to two days ago.
8. One sheet between 1:00 and 2:00 P.M. meant scouting force left one to two days ago.
9. Two sheets between 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. meant aircraft carriers left one to two days ago.

10. Two sheets between 7:00 and 8:00 AM meant battle fleet left three to four days ago.
11. Two sheets between 8:00 and 9:00 AM meant scouting force left three to four days ago.
12. Two sheets between 9:00 and 10:00 AM meant aircraft carriers left three to four days ago.
13. Two sheets between 10:00 and 11:00 AM meant battle fleet left five to six days ago.
14. Two sheets between 11:00 and 12:00 Noon meant scouting force left five to six days ago.
15. Two sheets between 12:00 and 1:00 PM meant aircraft carriers left five to six days ago.

Witte and Okada, after examining Kuchn's system of communication, told him it was too complicated and asked him to prepare a simpler method. Three days later, on December 8, 1941, Kuchn returned to the Consulate and delivered his revised system to Okada. This set of signals consisted of the following eight combinations:

- #1, battle fleet prepared to leave.
- #2, scouting force prepared to leave.
- #3, battle fleet left one to three days ago.
- #4, scouting force left one to three days ago.
- #5, aircraft carriers left one to three days ago.
- #6, battle fleet left four to six days ago.
- #7, scouting force left four to six days ago.
- #8, aircraft carriers left four to six days ago.

The foregoing information was to be given by means of lights from the window of Kuchn's Japanese residence or with his automobile in the following manner:

1. One light between 7:00 and 8:00 PM meant #1.

2. One light between 8:00 and 9:00 PM meant #2.
3. One light between 9:00 and 10:00 PM meant #3.
4. One light between 10:00 and 11:00 PM meant #4.
5. Two lights between 7:00 and 8:00 PM meant #5.
6. Two lights between 8:00 and 9:00 PM meant #6.
7. Two lights between 9:00 and 10:00 PM meant #7.
8. Two lights between 10:00 and 11:00 PM meant #8.

The same system could be used by hanging lines on the line at Kuehn's residence at Lanakai, one piece between 8:00 and 9:00 AM meaning #1, one piece between 9:00 and 10:00 AM meaning #2, one between 10:00 and 11:00 AM meaning #3, one between 11:00 AM and 12:00 Noon meaning #4, and two pieces between 8:00 and 9:00 AM meaning #5, two pieces between 9:00 and 10:00 AM meaning #6, et cetera.

It was also arranged that a light in the skylight of subject's Kalama home between 7:00 and 8:00 PM would mean #1, one between 8:00 and 9:00 PM would mean #2, one between 9:00 and 10:00 PM would mean #3 and #6, one between 10:00 and 11:00 PM would mean #4 and #7, and one between 11:00 and 12:00 Midnight would mean #5 and #8.

This same system of signalling could have been used with a star boat just off the mouth of Lanakai Beach between certain hours, a star on the sail or a star and a number on the sail meaning corresponding signals as those given above, according to the time the boat was in that position. The exact combinations to be used with this means of signalling could not be recalled by Kuehn.

The possibility of utilizing the West Adm broadcast by Radio Station KUMC in the mornings also was considered -- a Chinese rug being advertised for sale to indicate #3 and #6, the services of a beauty operator sought to mean #4 and #7, and a third type of advertisement, which Kuehn was unable to recall, to indicate #5 and #8.

If it were impossible to use any of the foregoing systems of signals, a garbage fire on Maui in a certain locality between certain hours, such as between 9:00 and 10:00 PM, would mean #3 and #6, et cetera. In connection with this plan, Kuehn had in mind a locality previously described to him by a friend, where a number of vacant lots were located. He determined the exact locality of this area by reference to a map of Maui showing the names of two roads bordering that area, the names of which were mentioned in his recommended plan as enclosing the area wherein the fire signals were to be affected.

This came out of signals could be given by means of short-wave radio, and arrangements were made that if the Consulate desired to contact Kachn, it could do so by sending him a postcard signed "Jimmy" to his box, No. 1476, at Honolulu.

In interrogating Kachn, he maintained he had never been to the Island of Maui nor, in fact, had he ever seen it. He also claimed that he never had a short-wave transmitter and that his Lanikai Beach house, at the time the various systems of signals mentioned above were prepared, was rented to Army people. Further, he averred that following his submission of his system of signalling to the Japanese Consulate, he had no further contact with any of the representatives of that office. However, it must be remembered that Kachn's system was transmitted by Haguo Kita, the Japanese Consul General in Honolulu, to the Foreign Minister in Tokyo on December 9, 1941.

It is known that Kachn, in the fall of 1940, after [REDACTED] advised him it was difficult to get money out of Japan and hence suggested that [REDACTED] subject make other arrangements.

With this letter, Kachn sent a Duden (German) Grammar Dictionary, similar to a Webster Dictionary, retaining a copy for his own use, and explained that in future communications, he would use a number code which would indicate the page and the word from the top of the page denoting the word intended -- such as, if the word "money" appeared on page X10 of the dictionary and was the sixth word down from the top, to indicate the word "money", Kachn would use the number "X10 - 6."

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Kashin arrived in Honolulu on August 15, 1935, for the avowed purpose of studying the Japanese language. Subsequently his original entry permit was extended to continue his Japanese studies and he then departed from the country and was admitted to the United States as a quota immigrant on October 29, 1936. Then, for a time under the guise of a language student and later merely as a resident, subject was free to gather extensive information of a national defense character, and particularly data pertaining to this country's harbor installations and manuevers of the United States fleet in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor. It is known that after Kashin's first conference with Otojiro Okada, the Japanese Vice Consul in Honolulu, in November, 1941, he, accompanied by his son Hans Joachim, then ten years of age, made a trip in subject's automobile to the vicinity of Pearl Harbor for the purpose of observing the ships in the harbor at that time. It is significant that the figures submitted by Kashin to the Consulate on December 2, 1941, regarding the number of battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers, and destroyers in Pearl Harbor as of November 28, 1941, were remarkably accurate, although the number of submarines he reported was inaccurate.

In addition to the visual observations which Kashin was in a position to make, it is also known that he avidly collected newspaper clippings pertaining to the United States fleet movements and operations in the Hawaiian waters, as well as any articles having to do with the number of Army and Navy personnel in Hawaii and the construction and fortification of Pearl Harbor as a Naval base. When Mrs. Kashin left Honolulu for Japan on February 19, 1940, there was found among her effects a series of articles on "American Polynesia," which had appeared in the "Honolulu Advertiser" and contained descriptions of various American and British islands.

The Kashins also did considerable entertaining, exhibiting a particular interest in having Army and Navy officers among their guests. The friends and associates of the Kashins included several officers in the United States Navy. It is further observed that when the Kashins established a beauty parlor in Honolulu, which was ostensibly operated by their daughter Ruth, Mrs. Kashin remarked that this shop was opened to obtain Navy business.

Further, it is not known whether the system of signalling prepared by subject for the Japanese actually ever was utilized, although the system was transmitted by the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu to its Foreign Office in Tokyo on December 3, 1941.

Exactly how much information was garnered by Kashin through his espionage activities is not known, although it can readily be seen that his opportunities, both as to sources and means of communicating it to his principals abroad, were practically limitless.

INTERESTING INVESTIGATIVE FEATURES OF CASE

At about noon on December 7, 1941, following the Japanese air raid on the Island of Oahu, which occurred at 7:55 that morning, arrangements were made by the Honolulu Field Division with the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department to place a guard around the Japanese Consulate. When the police arrived at the Consulate, Nagao Kita, the Japanese Consul General, and his assistant, Otajiro Okada, were burning some of the Consulate's papers. They were ordered to cease and the papers were confiscated. Upon examination, it was found that, among other articles, these papers included the telegram file of the Consulate. This file was turned over by the FBI to [redacted] of the Fourteenth Naval District, who in turn transmitted it to the Cryptographic Section of the Navy at Pearl Harbor. 66  
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On the morning of December 8, 1941, the Globe Wireless and Hocking Radio and Telegraph Companies, at the request of Special Agents of the Honolulu Field Division, furnished copies of all messages which had been sent and received by the Japanese Consulate in that city. A translation of one of these messages, dispatched on December 3, 1941, by Kita to the Foreign Minister in Tokyo, set forth a complete system of signals to be used in communicating intelligence information to the enemy. One of the signals to be used was a "light in dormer window of Kalama house from 7:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. every hour," indicating the sailings of aircraft carriers and battle forces on certain days.

As soon as a translation of the above message was received, the Honolulu Field Office, with OHI and G-2, instituted an immediate investigation for the purpose of identifying and locating the persons responsible for this signalling system. Enquiry disclosed that the Kalama house with the "dormer window" mentioned in the signal was owned by Kachia, who heretofore had been the subject of an extensive investigation on the part of OHI, G-2, and the Bureau.

### PERSONAL HISTORY

Otto Kuehn was born in Berlin, Germany, on July 25, 1895. In April, 1913, he enlisted in the German Navy as a Cadet on the training cruiser Martha in Flensburg, Germany. After serving his training period, Kuehn became a midshipman on the German cruiser Blucher, on which he served during World War I until January 24, 1915, when he was captured by the British following a Naval engagement in which the Blucher was sunk. He remained in a British camp as a prisoner of war until January, 1918, when, during an exchange of prisoners, he was sent to Holland, remaining there for the duration of the war.

After the Armistice, Kuehn returned to Berlin and studied Architecture for three months. He then re-entered the Naval service as a Lieutenant aboard the Mittelbach, the mother ship of a mine sweeper flotilla. He remained in active service for six months, when he was cashiered out of the Navy on account of financial difficulties. For the next year and one-half Kuehn studied medicine at the Universities of Berlin and Munich, and on May 10, 1920, while a medical student, he married Friedel Birk, the unmarried mother of two children, Leopold and Ruth. Two sons, Martin Eberhard and Hans Joachim, were born to the Kuehns.

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Shortly before their marriage, Kuehn purchased a 500-ton sailing freighter, known as the Antares, out of an inheritance for about \$50,000 cash and some houses and government bonds left to him by his father. He operated this boat between Finland and Rotterdam, but after a short while it ran on a reef and subject sold the boat for about \$2,000.

In 1921, Kuehn took a job as plant protection man for Siemens in Berlin, a machinery concern engaged in the manufacture of heavy motors, et cetera, and, after about one year, he transferred to another branch of the company for the purpose of learning the business, remaining in this capacity until 1923. At that time, subject operated a manufacturing and distributing business of sparkling water and lemonade in Stettin, Germany, but this lasted less than a year. Thereafter, he returned to Berlin and was employed as an inspector with "Pommersche Milcheis," a dairy products concern. He stayed at this work until 1928, but before discontinuing this employment, sometime during 1927, he entered into the coffee importing business in Berlin in partnership with one Overback. Kuehn acted as sales manager in this venture and continued his association with this business until he left Germany in 1935.

Kuehn first became associated with the Nazi Party in 1930 following his attendance at a meeting called by Hitler in Kiel, Germany, at which the latter spoke. Immediately after the meeting, Kuehn enlisted as a member of the Nazi Party and also influenced his son, Leopold, to join. However, he did not become active in the Party until 1932, when Herr Dunkel, the Party district leader at Kiel, suggested that Kuehn go with Reinhold Heydrich to Munich to see a person,

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name unrecalled, who later became Chief of Police at Munich, about securing a job with the Party. Sunkel brought Heydrich to Kuehn's home and, after subject advanced Heydrich a loan of about 100 marks, he and Heydrich entrained for Munich. Upon reaching that city, they went to the City Hall Restaurant for refreshments. Heydrich crossed himself, explaining he was going to see the person to whom Sunkel had referred Kuehn and him. As it developed later, Heydrich was given a position by the unknown person which eventually turned out to be the Chief of the German Gestapo System under Heinrich Himmler. When Sunkel sent Kuehn and Heydrich to Munich, he mentioned that one or more positions were open, and it is quite possible that the job given to Heydrich was the one for which subject was being considered. Kuehn has stated that if the assignment were offered to him, he unhesitatingly would have accepted.

After an absence of about four hours, Heydrich returned to the City Hall Restaurant, and he, with Kuehn and the unknown individual who later became Chief of Police in Munich, went to Himmler's home where a discussion was had regarding Communism and the means to be adopted to eradicate it from Germany. After this, Heydrich told Kuehn that Himmler did not like him and suggested it would be best for Kuehn to return to Berlin. Shortly thereafter, Kuehn received word from Herr Sunkel that he was to work in Altona, Germany, as an investigator for the Party to determine the identities of those individuals who were Communist and those who were pro-Nazi, particularly in the Police Department. Kuehn worked on this assignment for about six months, at which time he made a report on the Chief of Police in Altona, who was a Party member, to the effect that he was immoral in his private life, and shortly thereafter, following some minor troubles, subject was told that his services were no longer required. He then returned to Berlin and his coffee business.

While in Berlin, [redacted] of Kuehn [redacted], came to his home, and this incident was reported to the Party officials, following which subject was dismissed from the Party and was later arrested, when he went to the office of a Nazi Party official for a hearing. He was held by the police for two weeks and then placed in a concentration camp for four weeks but was not questioned at any time during this period. While interned, Kuehn's wife, Friedel, and son, Leopold, [redacted] acted on his behalf among members of the Party, and [redacted] was released. [redacted]

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About three months later, Kuehn was again arrested by the police and charged with having attended, taken pictures of, and making a report about a meeting between Hitler and Van Popen at Goeln. He was taken to the German courts and succeeded in proving and establishing an alibi that he had never been in Goeln and hence was released.

Subject turned his attention to his coffee business, but because he was no longer a member of the Nazi Party, it was impossible for him to obtain



orders. During the year 1934, Kaehn wrote several articles on the Far East, its culture and politics, for German newspapers and magazines, and in April, 1935, he decided to go to the Orient to study the Japanese language. He sailed from Bremen, Germany, on the SS Stuttgart and arrived in New York City on April 29, 1935. He remained in New York for six days and then proceeded to San Francisco, where he visited the German Consulate and requested the names of the Germans in Honolulu whom he could contact. He sailed from San Francisco on the SS Tutuila Maru with his wife, the rest of his family remaining in Germany, and after staying in Honolulu at the Brookland Hotel for three weeks, he and his wife sailed for Japan on the Asama Maru. In Tokyo, Kaehn stayed at the Imperial Hotel and he contacted [redacted] The Imperial University regarding his studying the Japanese language. It was decided that he could make better progress at the University of Hawaii. Accordingly Kaehn and his wife traveled to Shanghai, from where Mrs. Kaehn proceeded to Germany and Otto returned to Honolulu on August 15, 1935, staying at the Brookland Hotel until March, 1936. In December of 1935, subject's daughter, Ruth, and his son, Martin Eberhard, joined him in Honolulu, and in April of the following year, Mrs. Kaehn and Hans arrived in Hawaii. b7c

Kaehn made a trip to Tokyo, Japan, in June, 1936, overrally to continue his Japanese language studies, returning to Honolulu in September of the same year.

Subject purchased the Modern Steel Furniture Company sometime during 1936, which he operated unsuccessfully for eight or nine months, when it was turned over to a trustee after losing approximately \$15,000. The only other employment he had in Honolulu was a job as a freight checker with the Honolulu Iron Works, which he secured about June, 1941, and quit after six weeks as the work was too difficult.

Kaehn admitted that the only income his family derived locally was that resulting from the operation of the Kailua Beauty Shop, opened in June, 1941 by Mrs. Kaehn, from which she received an average income of approximately \$60 a month. Aside from this, subject in 1937 leased eight acres of land from the Kaneohe Ranch Company, seven acres of which he later subleased to a Japanese gardener, retaining one for his own use to raise fruits and vegetables. In addition, Kaehn also raised chickens, having about 200 at the time of his arrest. Some of these operations, however, was income-producing.

Kaehn filed a declaration of intention for United States citizenship, number 4531, in Honolulu on March 3, 1936. He filed a petition for citizenship on June 30, 1941, and his hearing was scheduled for December, 1941. It was anticipated that he would have been admitted to citizenship on the last Saturday in January, 1942, in the event the results of this hearing had been satisfactory. However, the declaration of war between the United States and Japan, as well as the detection of subject's espionage activities, prevented his becoming a citizen.

At the time of his arrest, Kaehn was residing in Kailua, Oahu, T. H. with his wife, Friedel, and his two sons, Martin Eberhard, age 15, and Hans E

age 10. His married daughter, Ruth, Mrs. J. Carson Moore, lived with her husband in Kailua. Kaehn's father, now deceased, formerly was a Doctor of Chemistry in Stettin, Germany, where he acted as a food inspector. Subject's brother, name unknown, is a doctor presently engaged in private practice in Berlin. Kaehn's stepson, Leopold, age about 32 at the time of his father's arrest, occupies a responsible position in Josef Goebbels's Propaganda Division of the Nazi Government in Berlin.

**Kaehn is described as follows:**

Age - 48 (born 7-25-95, Berlin, Germany)  
Height - 5' 6"  
Weight - 145 pounds  
Complexion - medium  
Eyes - gray-blue  
Hair - brown, short, parted in center  
Nose - snub  
Nationality - German (speaks with German accent)  
Characteristics - upper lip protrudes slightly,  
chin slightly pointed  
forehead wrinkled  
Occupation - merchant  
Marital status - married  
Wife's name - Friedel Eirk, age 31  
Children - Leopold, age 34  
Martin Eberhard, age 17  
Ruth (Mrs. J. Carson Moore), age 28  
Hans Joachim, age 12  
Criminal record - none prior to instant offense

PROSECUTION

The following charges and specifications were served upon Kuehn on February 14, 1942, by the Assistant Provost Marshal for the Territory of Hawaii, and office and trial of subject were set before the Military Commission for February 19, 1942:

**Charge I: Violation of Section 34, Title 50, United States Code Annotated; unlawfully conspiring to transmit information affecting national defense.**

**Specification:** Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn, Otojire Okada and Hagae Kita, at Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, during the period commencing on or about the 20th day of November, 1941, up to and including the date of the filing of this charge, did conspire, combine, confederate and agree together and with each other and with other persons whose names are unknown, to commit an offense against the United States of America, to wit, the offense of unlawfully and feloniously, with intent and reason to believe that it was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, namely Japan, communicating, delivering and transmitting, and attempting to communicate, deliver and transmit, to a foreign government, to wit, the Imperial Japanese Government, documents, codes, sketches, plans, lists and writings relating to the national defense and the movements and positions of the several units of the United States Fleet (Section 32, Title 50, USC), that is to say, that during the period and at the place above set forth, Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn, Otojire Okada and Hagae Kita did conspire, combine, confederate and agree together and with each other and with other persons whose names are unknown, with the intent and reason to believe that the information to be transmitted relative to national defense was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, namely Japan, to communicate, deliver and transmit to a foreign government, namely the Imperial Government of Japan, certain information relative to national defense and to the movements and positions of the several units of the United States Fleet by means of a plan and system of signals which was to be prepared by Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn and submitted to Otojire Okada at the Japanese Consulate at Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Territory of

Hawaii, which would give a concise method of transmitting to the Imperial Government of Japan and its naval and military representatives information relative to national defense and the movements and locations of the battle force, scouting fleet, aircraft carriers and other units of the United States Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

That thereafter and during the existence of said conspiracy one or more of said conspirators hereinafter mentioned by name did the following overt acts in furtherance of and to effect the object of said conspiracy aforesaid:

OVERT ACTS

(1) At Honolulu, T. H., on or about the 28th day of November, 1941, Bernard Julius Otto Eschm did make a trip to the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii.

(2) At Honolulu, T. H., on or about the 29th day of November, 1941, Bernard Julius Otto Eschm did prepare a plan for transmittal of information relative to the United States Fleet.

(3) At Honolulu, T. H., on or about the 30th day of November, 1941, Bernard Julius Otto Eschm did deliver to Otojire Okada at the Japanese Consulate, 1714 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, T. H., a plan for the transmittal of information relative to the movements and positions of the several units of the United States Fleet.

(4) At Honolulu, T. H., on or about the 30th day of November, 1941, Otojire Okada advised Bernard Julius Otto Eschm at the Japanese Consulate that his plan for transmittal of information relative to the United States Navy was too complicated, and instructed him to prepare a simpler plan.

(5) At Honolulu, T. H., on or about the 1st day of December, 1941, Bernard Julius Otto Eschm did prepare a plan for the transmittal of information relative to the movements and positions of the several units of the United States Fleet.

(6) At Honolulu, T. H., on or about the 2nd day of December, 1941, Bernard Julius Otto Eschm did deliver to Otojire Okada at the Japanese Consulate, 1714 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, T. H., a plan for the transmittal of information relative to the United States Fleet units and their movements.

(7) At Honolulu, T. H., on or about the 2nd day of December, 1941, Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn did deliver to Otojiro Okada at the Japanese Consulate, 1714 Kamehame Avenue, Honolulu, T. H., a list showing the number and type of naval vessels in Pearl Harbor, T. H.

(8) At Honolulu, T. H., on or about the 3rd day of December, 1941, Nagao Kita did transmit a plan and system of signals previously prepared by Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn to the Foreign Minister of the Imperial Japanese Government at Tokyo, Japan (Section 34, Title 50, U.S.C.).

Charge II: Violation of Section 31, as amended, Title 50, United States Code Annotated; unlawfully obtaining information affecting national defense.

Specification: In that Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn did, at Pearl Harbor, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on or about November 28, 1941, for the purpose of obtaining information respecting the national defense with intent and reason to believe that the information to be obtained was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, namely, Japan, unlawfully and feloniously obtain information concerning vessels connected with the national defense, to wit, battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, submarines, owned and constructed by the United States and under the control of the United States and of its officers and agents, in violation of Section 31, as amended, Title 50, United States Code Annotated.

Charge III: Violation of Section 32, Title 50, United States Code Annotated; unlawfully disclosing information affecting national defense.

Specification: In that Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn did, at Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, on or about December 2, 1941, with intent and reason to believe that it was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation, namely, Japan, unlawfully and feloniously communicate, deliver, transmit, and attempt to communicate, deliver and transmit, to a foreign government, namely, the Imperial Government of Japan, and to the military and naval forces within a foreign country, namely, Japan, and to representatives, officers, agents, employees, subjects and witnesses thereof, information relating to the national defense of the United States, to wit, information relating to and concerning vessels, to wit, United States battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, and submarines connected with the national defense, at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, their positions, locations, and movements, in violation of Section 32, Title 50, United States Code Annotated.

On February 19, 1942, Kuehn was tried in strict privacy before a Military Commission at Honolulu, T. H. On February 21, 1942, he was found guilty on each of the three charges and was sentenced by the Military Commission to be shot to death with munitions.

The Military Governor, Lieutenant General Helen G. Emmons, of the Territory of Hawaii, on October 26, 1942, approved the sentence imposed upon subject by the Military Commission, but on the same day General Emmons commuted Kashi's sentence to confinement at hard labor for fifty years, and ordered him to be confined in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
October 20, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated October 17, 1943, from 9 4453

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Letter, dated October 11, 1943, from 3 4454

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Letter, dated October 11, 1943, from  
Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, 9 4455  
Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No.  
59603-L.

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Letter, dated October 17, 1943, from  
Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel 9 4456  
Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

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Letter, dated October 13, 1943, from 9 4457

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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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Department of Justice  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

October 13, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O. No. 59603-L  
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated October 4, 1943, from Mrs Friedel Kuehn  
Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn  
No. 59603-L. One photograph enclosed. *ALL 66 b7c*

Letter, dated October 6, 1943, from [REDACTED]  
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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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Department of Justice  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

October 11, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Re: [REDACTED]  
KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter, dated Oct., from [REDACTED]

Letter dated October 6, 1943, from Bernard J. O. Kuehn No. 59603-L, to the Legation of Switzerland, The Chief of the Division of German Interest, Washington, D.C.

Letter dated October 7, 1943 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn No. 59603-L to Mrs Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas

Letter dated October 7, 1943 from [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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Date: October 28, 1943

To: SAC Honolulu

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: <sup>D</sup> Bernard Julius Otto Kasha,  
with aliases; et al;  
Espionage - J

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #00879 dated October 4, 1943 in which it was stated that copies of the material taken from the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Honolulu in connection with this case would be transmitted to your office within the next several days.

There are being transmitted to your office under separate cover by registered mail copies of this material, which make up a part of specimen Q2.

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Leavenworth, Kansas  
October 1, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L  
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for censure and return to this institution are the following listed letters.

Letter, dated September 26, 1943, from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L. (3 photographs enclosed in letter)

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Letter, dated September 30, 1943, from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Letter, dated September 30, 1943, from [REDACTED]

Letter, dated September 28, 1943, [REDACTED]

Letter, dated September 30, 1943, from [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

Leavenworth, Kansas

September 27, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 5960

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters.

Letter, dated September 22, 1943, from the above-named inmate to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Letter, dated September 19, 1943, from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn,  
Re with aliases; et al;  
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Examination requested by: Honolulu (65-4)

Reference Letter - 9-15-43

Examination requested: Document

Specimens: Holland

Q2 Three hundred and sixty eight photographs of material consisting of original correspondence, translations of the original correspondence, and other miscellaneous papers found in the possession of Kuehn; also, photographs of correspondence taken from the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Honolulu.

Note: This material was sent in the form of two 25 foot rolls of Minipan 35 mm. film and one film pack.

Result of examination:

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In accordance with your request, copies of the material taken from the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Honolulu will be transmitted to your office within the next several days. Copies of the specimens are being retained in the Bureau files and the Laboratory files.

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Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

Mr. Tolson

Mr. E. A. Tamm

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Mr. Quinn Tamm

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Honolulu, T. H.  
September 15, 1943

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Director, FBI

Attention Technical Laboratory

Re: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN,  
with aliases; et al;  
ESPIONAGE - J

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted under separate cover two (2) 26 foot rolls of Minipan 35 mm. film and one film pack, both containing exposed film.

In accordance with instructions contained in Bureau letter dated August 19, 1943, Bureau file #65-1574, it is requested that one print be prepared of each negative for inclusion in the Bureau file in this case. It is further requested that one print be forwarded the Honolulu Office only of those negatives relating to exhibits photographed from the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Honolulu. The developed film is to be retained in the Bureau file.

All material relating to the KUEHN case is appropriately identified in the photographs except for the sailboat "sails" which will be found in the film pack. Any other photographs appearing on the Minipan 35 mm. film are of no value and may be discarded at the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Thornton  
Special Agent in Charge

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

September 20, 1943

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.Re: [REDACTED]  
KUEHN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters.

Letter from [REDACTED] b6 b7c

Letter, dated September 12, 1943, from [REDACTED]

Letter, dated September 11, 1943, from Mrs. Friedel —  
Kuehn, Internment Camp Crystal City, Crystal City,  
Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
September 16, 1943

*fast*  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re [REDACTED]  
RUBIN, Bernard J. O., No. 59603-L  
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for sponsorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters.

Letter, dated May 8, 1943, from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Letter, Dated September 15, 1943, from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Frieda Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. *66*  
*67c*

Letter, dated September 15, 1943, from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Honolulu, T. H.  
September 15, 1943

VIA CLIPPER

Director, FBI

Re: **BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN,**  
with aliases; et al;  
**ESPIONAGE - J**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 19, 1943, in the captioned case, Bureau file 65-1574.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, all correspondence available in this case has been photographed on 35 mm. film, including also that correspondence contained in the files of O.H.I., Honolulu. Close-up photographs were also obtained of the sails used on KUEHN's sail boat. All of the exposed film was transmitted, by cover letter of this same date, for the attention of the Technical Laboratory, with the request that one print of each negative be prepared for the Bureau file in this case.

The German dictionary, "Der Grosse Duden," which was admittedly used by KUEHN as a code book in sending messages to [redacted] was turned over to the Military Commission, as documentary evidence, during the trial of this case. At the present time, all documentary evidence, introduced in this case, with the exception of the German dictionary, is in the possession of the Office of the Military Governor, Honolulu. However, recent efforts by that office to locate the dictionary have been unavailing.

There are transmitted herewith photographic negatives and prints which were discovered in KUEHN's Kaiana residence. These depict [redacted]

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in the vicinity of KUEHN's Lanikai Beach and Kalama residences, as well as photographs of the houses. OTTO KUEHN's sail boat is also pictured in several prints, and one negative shows him at work on the sail boat in a close-up shot. Numerous other miscellaneous photographs are enclosed, some of which were taken in Germany. All are appropriately identified. Photographs of the Japanese Consulate and adjoining buildings in Honolulu, which were recently obtained, are also enclosed.

There are transmitted herewith one copy each of memoranda contained in the files of O.N.I., Honolulu, which were not included among the items photographed. Those memoranda bearing the initials [redacted] 7

[redacted]  
Safety Deposit Box #744 at the Bishop National Bank, Honolulu, was first rented to OTTO KUEHN and his wife May 18, 1937. The box was never entered by anyone subsequent to that date until January 27, 1943, when it was drilled open under orders of the local office of the Foreign Funds Control Bureau. [redacted]

It is noted that a careful and meticulous search was made throughout the KUEHN residences [redacted]

Particular attention was given to possible places of concealment of transmitting devices and an examination was made of KUEHN's short wave radio receiver to determine whether any effort had been made to convert it into a transmitter. However, these searches proved negative. all

An examination of electricity bills rendered OTTO KUEHN by the Hawaiian Electric Company, covering his Kalama and Lanikai residences, failed to reveal any unusual differences in charges assessed during 1939, 1940, and 1941. b6 b7c

[redacted]  
During the search of KUEHN's residences, a careful examination was made of all correspondence and papers of all kinds. However, the Christmas card, mentioned by KUEHN as having been received from [redacted] in December, 1936, was not among those articles found. J

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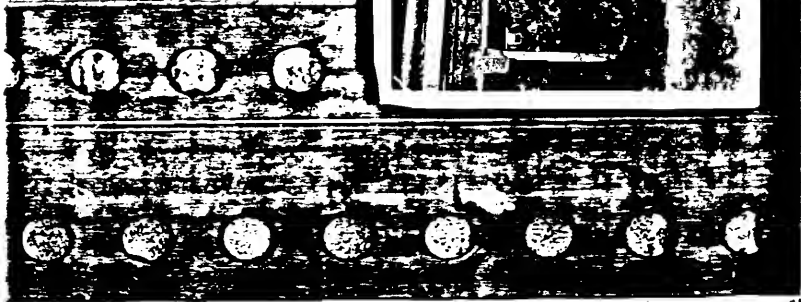
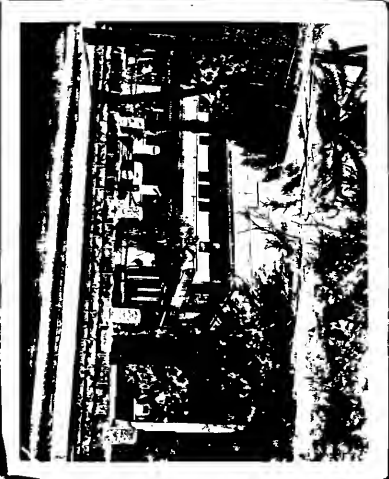
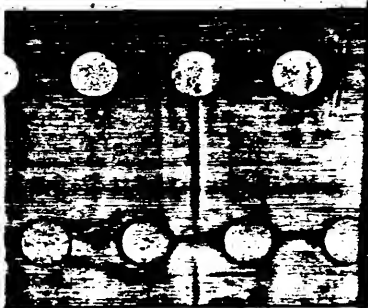
In the absence of further Bureau instructions, this case will continue to be carried in a closed status.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Thornton*

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Residence of Japanese Consul -  
On Consulate grounds, Honolulu

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Einige japanische Konsulatsgebäude  
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Einige Häuser am japanischen  
Botschaftsgrundstück am japanischen  
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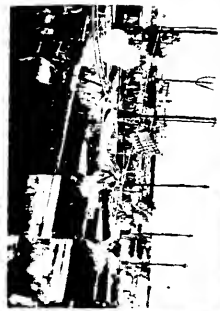
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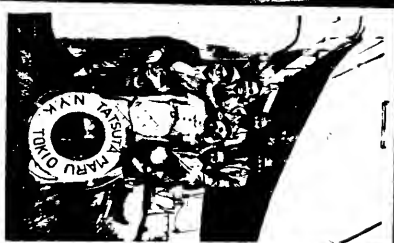




Photographs of Kuem's  
Sailboat and Lannet  
Beach Residence

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Photographs taken at Kusin's  
Kalamia Residence.  
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Found in Kushi's residence  
apparently taken on Oahu  
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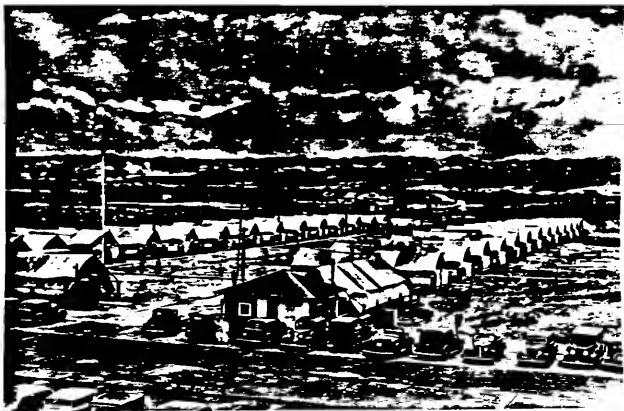
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Residence on Japanese grounds  
formerly occupied by several  
members of American staff.

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Found in Kuehn's residence -  
apparently taken on Oahu about 1938.

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Found in Kuehn's residence -  
apparently taken on Oahu about 1938.

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Found in Kuehn's residence -  
apparently taken on Oahu about 1938.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

March 30, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: HENWARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, was, et al;  
ESPIONAGE - J.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Respectfully,

cc: Honolulu (by letter)

STATE PENITENTIARY

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17 October 1939

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Otto KUEHN

1. Letter dated 16 October 1939 from [redacted] of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company (Honolulu Agent; Home Insurance Co.) and addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kuhn, Box 1476, Honolulu, Hawaii".

2. [redacted] calls the Kuehns attention to a balance of \$31.25 due on his Buick policy of 28 February 1939. Quoting letter:

"In June I made an agreement with Mr. Kuhn that I would assume responsibility for this half of the premium so that the policy would remain in force. The agreement was that Mr. Kuhn would pay the balance in three or four weeks. Later it was agreed that upon completion of the deal on the house he would pay. As yet your check has not been received."

3. [redacted] states that this amount of \$31.25 will be deducted from his own check unless paid by Kuehn by 21 October.

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**BERNARD KUEHN**

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, WAS, ET AL; ESPIONAGE &. INSTRUCT SA E. L. SHIVERS  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

April 20, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: HUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Ref. No. 59563-L 97465

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated April 16, 1944 from the above-named inmate to Mrs. Friedel Huehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

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Very truly yours,

*Walter T. Hunter*

Walter T. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

April 24, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: MURKIN, Edward J. G.  
Gen. No. 504 3-1

Dear Sir:

For enclosed herewith for consideration and action to  
this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated April 23, 1944 from  
Edward J. G. Murkin, No. 5043-1, to Wm. Friedel  
#121 Mehn, Inmate No. 214, District 14, Texas. Q 7547

Letter dated April 14, 1944 from Wm.  
#121 Friedel Mehn, District 14, Inmate No. 214,  
District 14, Texas, to Edward J. G. Murkin,  
No. 5043-1. Q 7548

Letter dated April 19, 1944 from  
#53 Q 7549

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

May 2, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121 Re: <sup>0</sup> HUNT, Bernard J. C. Q 7678  
Ref. No. 59403-L

#53

Q 7679

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for consideration and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated April 20, 1944 from  
Lvs. Friedrich Huehn, Central City Internment  
Camp, Central City, Texas, to Bernard J. C.  
Huehn, No. 59403-L.

Letter dated May 2, 1944 from

Very truly yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

May 8, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: MURKIN, Bernard J. O.  
Ref. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this Institution are the following:

- #121 Letter dated May 1, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L. **Q7725**
- #121 Letter dated May 7, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. **Q7726**
- #13 Letter dated May 3, 1944 from **Q7727**
- #32 Original message and outcphrase of message dated May 7, 1944 from **Q7728**

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

May 15, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this  
institution are the following:

Letter dated May 10, 1944 from

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Letter dated May 14, 1944 from Bernard J. O.  
Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Intern-  
ment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Q7852

#121

Original message and paraphrase of message  
dated May 14, 1944 from

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

May 23, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

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KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated May 21, 1944 from

#43

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Letter dated May 21, 1944 from

#53

q 1165

Letter dated May 21, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

#121

q 1166

Letter dated May 9, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

#121

q 1167

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

May 29, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

#83

Letter dated May 21, 1944 from

28017

#121

Letter dated May 17, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

28018

#121

Letter dated May 28, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

28019

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

June 3, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this  
institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated May 31, 1944 from

#53

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Letter dated May 24, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel  
Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City,  
Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

#8121

#121

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Punter*  
Walter A. Punter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
June 5, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

# 121

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

98126

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated June 4, 1944 from the above-named inmate to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

June 15, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#21  
Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to  
this institution are the following listed letters:

#121 Letter dated May 29, 1944 with en-  
closure from Kalama Community Trust, Honolulu,  
Hawaii, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

Q8307

#53 Letter dated June 12, 1944 from

Q8308

Very truly yours,

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*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

June 17, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

OWEN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-1

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following:

Message dated December 6, 1943 (in German) from

#10

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#32

Letter dated June 9, 1944 with enclosure from the Legation of Switzerland, Washington, D. C., to

#121

Letter dated June 1, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, Reg. No. 59603-1.

#121

Letter dated June 11, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-1, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

#53

Letter dated June 11, 1944 from

#53

Letter dated June 7, 1944 from

#53

Letter dated June 6, 1944 with enclosure from Immigration and Naturalization Service, Kansas City, Missouri, to

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

LEAVENWORTH KANSAS

June 17, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#10  
KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L Q8322

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated June 8, 1944, from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

June 19, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121  
Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

#121 Letter dated June 18, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. 68347  
#53 Letter dated June 18, 1944 from 68348  
#93 Letter dated June 18, 1944 from 68349

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
July 4, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:  
#93  
#121  
"BURN", Bernard J. C.  
Det. No. 9443-1

Dear Sir:

For added reference for clearance and return to this institution are the following letters:

- #93 Letter dated June 30, 1944 from Q8523
- #121 Letter dated June 13, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Fiehn, Q8524  
Inmate at Camp, Central City, Texas, to Bernard J. C.  
Fiehn, Det. No. 9443-1.
- #121 Letter dated July 2, 1944 from Bernard J. C. Fiehn, Q8525  
Det. No. 9443-1, to Mrs. Friedel Fiehn, Inmate at Camp,  
Central City, Texas.
- #53 Letter dated June 17, 1944 from Q8526
- #53 Letter dated June 17, 1944 from Q8527

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

June 27, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#121  
Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L  
753

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to  
this institution are the following letters:

#121 Letter dated June 15, 1944 from Mrs. Q8443  
Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp,  
Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn,  
No. 59603-L.

#121 Letter dated June 25, 1944 from Q8444  
Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs.  
Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal  
City, Texas.

#53 Letter dated June 25, 1944 from RECORDED  
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Very truly yours,

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*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

July 10, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following:

#121 Letter dated July 8, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, *Q 5630*  
No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedal Kuehn, Internment Camp,  
Crystal City, Texas. *ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE*

#53 Letter dated July 8, 1944 from *18631*

#43 Letter dated July 10, 1944 from *8632*

#32 Letter dated July 7, 1944 from the Legation of *Q 8633*  
Switzerland, Washington, D. C., to

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

July 15, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to  
this institution are the following letters:

Letter dated July 5, 1944 from Mrs.  
Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp,  
Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn,  
No. 59603-L.

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Letter dated July 10, 1944 from

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH KANSAS

July 17, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

STIGLER, Franz J.  
Reg. No. 59010-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

Letter dated July 15, 1944 from Bernard  
J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, 5376  
Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. #121

Letter dated July 8, 1944, with enclosures,  
from Property Comptroller, Office of the Military 98717  
Governor, Immigration Station, Honolulu, T. H.,  
to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L. #127

Letter dated July 16, 1944 from 58718  
#53

Letter dated July 16, 1944 from 5719  
#93

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

July 24, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to  
this institution are the following letters:

3 29 #53 Letter dated July 23, 1944 from

Q 8844

#43 Letter dated July 23, 1944 from

8845

#121 Letter dated July 22, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. Q 8846

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

July 26, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censure and return to this institution is a letter dated July 14, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

Q8886

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH KANSAS

July 31, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto for censorship and return to this  
institution are the following letters:

Letter dated July 30, 1944 from

#5

Letter dated July 30, 1944 from

#93

Letter dated July 29, 1944 from Bernard  
J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn,  
Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

#121

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

August 4, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

#121 Letter dated August 2, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Military Governor of Hawaii, Honolulu, T. H. (Five enclosures.)

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#92 Letter dated August 1, 1944 from

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Very truly yours,

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Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
August 2, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: <sup>#2</sup> KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

#121 Attached hereto for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated July 23, 1944, with four enclosures, from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate. Q 8777

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
August 7, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

#26  
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#121 KUERN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

#26	Letter dated August 4, 1944 from	29013
#53	Letter dated July 31, 1944 from	29016
#93	Letter dated August 6, 1944 from	29017
#93	Letter dated July (August) 6, 1944 from	29018
#121	Letter dated August 6, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuern, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuern, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.	29019

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

August 11, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: <sup>D</sup> KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

*#121* Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to  
this institution is a letter dated August 1, 1944 from  
Mrs. Frieder Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal *99013*  
City, Texas, to Bernard J. C. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

Very truly yours, *me*

*W. A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

August 15, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

HUCHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto for censorship and return to this institution are the following: 1.

Letter dated August 13, 1944 from

#53

Letter dated August 13, 1944 from Bernard  
J. O. Huchn, Reg. No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel  
Huchn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

#121

Original message dated August 12, 1944  
and paraphrase of message from

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

August 22, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Ref. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following listed letters:

Letter dated August 20, 1944 from

#53

Letter dated August 20, 1944 from

#93

99205

Letter dated August 20, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. 99206

#121

Letter dated August 10, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L. 99207

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Letter dated August 20, 1944 from

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Letter dated August 10, 1944 from

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Very truly yours,

W. L. R. GARDEN  
Acting Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

August 9, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to  
this institution are the following:

Original message dated August 6, 1944  
and paraphrase of message from

99051

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Original message dated August 9, 1944  
and paraphrase of message from

99052

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Letter dated June 30, 1944 from Eberhard  
Kuehn, Honolulu, T. H., addressed to his sister,  
Ruth, which has been sent by Mrs. Friedel Kuehn,  
Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard  
J. O. Kuehn, Reg. No. 59603-L, for his perusal.

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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
August 28, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

Letter dated August 27, 1944 from

# 53

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Letter dated August 27, 1944 from

# 93

29331

Letter dated August 27, 1944 from Bernard J. O.  
Kuhn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Frieda Kuhn, Internment  
Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

# 121

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Letter dated August 28, 1944 from

# 152

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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

September 1, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

(#121)  
Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

#32

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following:

#121 Letter dated August 16, 1944 from Alien  
Property Custodian, Honolulu, T. H., together  
with enclosure, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No.  
99603-L. Q9385

#53 Letter dated August 28, 1944 from me  
Q9386

#32 Message dated May 10, 1944, received  
through the International Red Cross. from Q9387

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

FOR DEFENSE



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
August 30, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

#93  
Re:  
#121 KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following:

#93 Post Card dated August 12, 1944 64370  
German, from

#121 Letter dated August 20, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel 64371  
Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to  
Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

Very truly yours, *me*

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
HONOLULU, T. H.**

September 4, 1944.

Director, FBI.

Re: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUERN,  
with aliases, ET AL.  
Espionage - J.

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Dear Sir:

As a matter of interest to the Bureau in the above-captioned case, information has recently been received from the Alien Property Custodian in Honolulu that certain properties belonging to OTTO KUERN have been taken over and title vested in the United States Government. This was accomplished under Vesting Order No. 3645, a certified copy of which was served on OTTO KUERN by mail on August 16, 1944.

Included in the Vesting Order was real property situated in Kailua, District of Koolaupoko, Oahu, T. H., consisting of approximately 74,581 square feet; all right, title and interest of OTTO KUERN in and to insurance policy in the amount of \$14,000.00 issued by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company of San Francisco, Calif.; and a bank account of \$6,163.68 on deposit with the Bishop Trust Company, Honolulu, held for OTTO KUERN and in the name of Mrs. FRIEDED KUERN.

The above described property is to be held, used, administered, liquidated, sold or otherwise dealt with in the interest and for the benefit of the United States, according to a statement by the Alien Property Custodian, Honolulu, T. H.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Thornton*  
J. E. THORNTON,  
SAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
September 4, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: #42

#121 KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Rac. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following:

#93 Letter dated September 1, 1944 from 29400

#152 Letter dated September 3, 1944 from

#121 Letter dated September 3, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. 29402

#53 Letter dated September 3, 1944 from 403  
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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH KANSAS  
September 13, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated September 2, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to the above-named inmate.

#121 99530

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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH KANSAS

September 11, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this  
institution are the following letters:

Letter dated September 10, 1944 from  
Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel  
Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

Letter dated September 10, 1944 from

Letter dated September 10, 1944 from

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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS  
September 18, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

Letter dated September 17, 1944 from *Shaw* 583

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Letter dated September 17, 1944 from *Shaw* 583

#93

Letter dated September 17, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. 99585

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Letter dated September 11, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L. 99586

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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

Enclosures (4)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH KANSAS  
September 25, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

Letter dated September 19, 1944 from

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Letter dated September 24, 1944 from

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Letter dated September 23, 1944 from

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Letter dated September 24, 1944 from  
Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Freidel  
Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas.

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Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

October 3, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: #53

#21  
KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

#53 Letter dated October 1, 1944 from 272

#53 Letter dated September 28, 1944 from 273

#93 Letter dated October 1, 1944 from 274

#21 Letter dated October 1, 1944 from Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. 275

#21 Letter dated September 28, 1944 from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn, No. 59603-L.

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Very truly yours,

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Walter A. Hunter  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden



**Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn

Lab. # 85-1674

Lab. # 0 25646

Examination requested by: Mr. Walter A. Hunter, Warden,  
U. S. Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Date of reference communication: let 9-30-44

Date received: 10-3-44

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Result of Examination:

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Dictation on Kuehn card

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Env adr "Mr. Bernard, Julius, Otto Kuehn, P.M.B. 59603, Leavenworth,  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

October 12, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

RE: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN  
PRISONERS' MAIL

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Starke  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

65-1574

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Reference is made to the letter from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas dated September 30, 1944, transmitting for Laboratory examination a prison mail letter from Mrs. Friedel Kuehn to the prisoner Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn dated September 20, 1944, beginning as follows:

The letter has been designated in the Laboratory as Q9728.

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The original evidence was returned to United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on October 9, 1944 after clearance by the Security Division.

Respectfully,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

October 9, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

#53 Letter dated October 8, 1944 from R 9851

#73 Letter dated October 8, 1944 from D 9852

#121 Letter dated October 8, 1944 from Bernard J. O. D 9853  
Kuehn, No. 59603-L, to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn, Internment Camp,  
Crystal City, Texas.

#152 Letter dated October 8, 1944 from

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Very truly yours,

Walter A. Rucker  
Warden

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

September 30, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:

#121  
KUEHN, Bernard J. O.  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution are the following letters:

#53

Letter dated September 25, 1944 from

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#121

Letter dated September 20, 1944 from Mrs.  
Friedel Kuehn, Crystal City Internment Camp,  
Crystal City, Texas, to Bernard J. O. Kuehn,  
No. 59603-L.

G. 9728

Very truly yours,

*Walter A. Hunter*  
Walter A. Hunter  
Warden

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

October 17, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: KUEHN, Bernard Julius  
Reg. No. 59603-L

Dear Sir:

#121 Forwarded herewith for censorship and return to this institution is a letter dated October 7, 1944, to the above-named inmate, from Friedel Ahahn, Crystal City Internment Camp, Crystal City, Texas. P 9925

Very truly yours,

*Reed Cozart*  
Reed Cozart  
Acting Warden

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SAC, New York

October 14, 1944

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

It is desired that in the future Identification Orders issued by the New York Office be sent to

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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October 5, 1944

Mr. L. B. Nichols  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 8-19-80 BY SP-6 JLS

Dear Lou:

A few days ago I wrote asking if you could send us photos of the Ruehn trio, Pearl Harbor spies.

Part 1  
The idea occurs to us that we might reasonably expect to be placed on the list to receive the usual FBI photos of various criminals, spies and what not. We assume that you issue photos from your various branch offices and naturally wonder if we couldn't get many of these from your Washington headquarters on a routine basis so that we could build up our own files. We mean to do a great deal more with photos than we have ever done before and can assure you that it will be worthwhile from the standpoint of the FBI.

Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

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October 3, 1944

Mr. L. B. Nichols  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lou:

I would appreciate it very much if you could inquire from our Photo Department as to whether or not they have photographs of the following:

Ruth Kuehn  
Dr. Julius Otto Kuehn  
Mrs. Frieder Kuehn

I would appreciate a word from you at your early convenience as to whether or not these can be furnished to us.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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65-1574

TO : D. H. LADD *66*

DATE: November 30, 1944

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: **BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN**  
with aliases, et al  
ESPIONAGE - J**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Recently the Bureau was furnished with a letter from Friedel Kuehn, wife of subject who is interned at Crystal City, Texas, to subject Kuehn, dated November 8, 1944. The major portion of this letter deals with family matters and happenings at the internment camp. However, the following statement was made which is of interest:

"... The other entertainment came Sunday-night, when we were listening to Mr. Hoover, from the FBI, who gave an interview of a reporter. During this interview he mentioned also your name again and your daughter. It is going around the way they want it, and now you are the owner of the Beauty-shop. - This is fine to know, now Ruth is able to claim accordingly to the Vesting-Order her salary from you. Otherwise the story went on, as we read it in the newspaper so many times, maybe one day, you will be exchanged on a diplomat-boat /our opinion/, since Mr. Hoover mentioned, that you are a very high official in the German Government. - But I hope to be able, to give Mr. Hoover one day the real facts he ought to know about our case. Ruth said, maybe you will be exchanged with Rudolf Hess for the King of Belgium. But don't leave us behind, please...."

The above comments are being made a matter of record in the case file on Kuehn.

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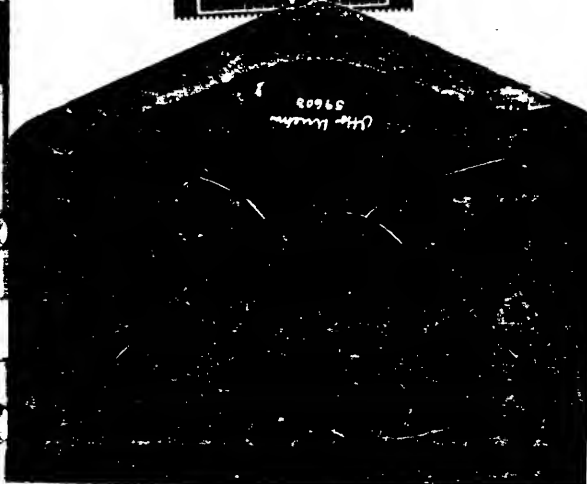
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LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

To Mrs. Friedel Hueth

Interment Camp

Crystal City

Texas



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.

FROM : SAC, Honolulu.

SUBJECT: EDWARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, with aliases; ET AL.  
Espionage - R.

DATE: January 27, 1945.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 17, 1945, in the captioned matter, Bureau file No. 65-1574.

With respect to OTTO KUEHN'S reference in the letter to his wife to "FBI Agent J. C. Moore," it is apparent from information available in the files of the Honolulu Office that KUEHN has in mind J. CARSON MOORE, husband of RUTH, his daughter. It is noted that J. CARSON MOORE first met the KUEHN family in October, 1940, and subsequently married RUTH in April, 1941. From past conversations with RUTH, it is apparent that she knew little of MOORE'S background and origin other than from his own statements. Thus, following the interment of the KUEHN family and early action by MOORE toward securing a divorce from RUTH, both OTTO KUEHN and his wife concluded that MOORE was an agent of the FBI.

In conversations with both Mr. and Mrs. KUEHN, they referred to the FBI agent who had married their daughter and, in spite of assurances to the contrary by interrogating agents, Mr. and Mrs. KUEHN apparently persisted in this opinion. This was also reflected in a letter written by Mrs. KUEHN on February 1, 1944, to the office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington, D. C., in which she stated in part: "I think there are enough evidences, to state, that not only my husband is the victim of the FBI, but that also my daughter was married to an FBI agent, or at least MOORE has worked for them." A copy of this letter is contained in the investigation report prepared by the Inspector General's Office in Hawaii, Exhibit A-6, which was submitted to the Bureau by letter of June 9, 1944.

Undoubtedly, it was J. CARSON MOORE, husband of RUTH, who made the offer to buy Mrs. KUEHN'S house.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Birmingham Field Division for information. [redacted] referred to in the Bureau communication, has no further information to add to that set forth above. It is noted that [redacted] is still assigned to the Honolulu Field Division, the agent assigned to the Birmingham Office apparently being a person of the same name.

cc: Birmingham

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March 5, 1945

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John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

BERNARD JULIUS ARNO KESSE, WAS., ET AL.

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ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to your letter dated February 8, 1945, in the above captioned case.

Please be advised that Friedal Kesse, age 32, from Crystal City, Texas, departed aboard the SS GILFINGHAM on January 7, 1945, to be repatriated to Germany. The passenger list also reflects that her son, Hans Kesse, age 11 and her daughter, Ruth Kesse, age 28, sailed on the SS GILFINGHAM on the same date.

For your further information, there are attached copies of a letter written by Friedal Kesse to her husband at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, dated January 2, 1944, which letter was made available by the Bureau of Prisons.

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI

DATE: February 6, 1946

FROM

SAS, Washington

SUBJECT

BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, with aliases; ET AL  
ESPIONAGE (S)

Information has reached this office to the effect that the local office of the Alien Property Custodian has, during the past week, been advised in a cable communication from its Washington headquarters that MRS. FRIEDERICH KUEHN was repatriated to Germany on January 7, 1946.

It is requested that the Bureau advise whether this information is accurate and also whether other members of her family, particularly HANS JOACHIM and RUTH, were repatriated at the same time.

Kuehn, B. J.

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EDWARD JULIUS OTTO KUBIE, was arrested at Chicago, Ill. on 11-1-34.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 9, 1945

**FROM**

**SUBJECT:**

BERNARD JULIUS KUERN, with aliases, et al.  
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 12, 1945, in the above captioned case in which I called to your attention a letter addressed to Mrs. Friedel Kuehn by Otto Kuehn dated December 31, 1944. This particular letter referred to FBI Agents in Honolulu and to the fact that FBI Agent J. C. Moore made an offer to buy Mrs. Kuehn's house under the pretense of friendship for a little amount of money and indicated he would antedate the deal in order to protect her property. In view of this communication, a letter was directed to the Honolulu Field Office requesting information they may be able to offer which would explain Kuehn's allegation.

By letter dated January 27, 1945, the Honolulu Office advised that Kuehn had in mind J. Carson Moore, husband of Ruth Kuehn, his daughter. J. Carson Moore first met the Kuehn family in October, 1940, and married Ruth in April, 1941. It was stated that from past conversations with Ruth, it was apparent she knew little of Moore's background and origin other than from his own statements. Thus following the internment of the Kuehn family and the early action by Moore toward securing a divorce from Ruth, both Otto and his wife concluded that Moore was an Agent of the FBI. In conversations, they referred to the FBI Agent who had married their daughter and in spite of assurances to the contrary by interrogating Agents, the Kuehns apparently persisted in their opinion that Moore was an Agent. This belief was also reflected in a letter written by Mrs. Kuehn on February 1, 1944, to the Office of Provost Marshal General in Washington, D. C., in which she stated, in part, "I think there are enough evidences, to state, that not only my husband is the victim of the FBI, but that also my daughter was married to an FBI agent, or at least Moore has worked for them." The Honolulu Field Office suggested that it was undoubtedly J. Carson Moore, husband of Ruth, who made the offer to buy Mrs. Kuehn's house.

Further, in accordance with Mr. Tamm's instructions to interview

that being when they were brought to the Lincoln Field Office shortly after December 7, 1946, for questioning. [redacted] suggested that Allen was endeavoring to remind his wife of the particular incident which may have occurred involving J. Carson Moore, his son-in-law, and at the same time endeavored to embarrass the Bureau by identifying Moore as an FBI Agent. [redacted]

### ACTION

In view of the explanations received from the Honolulu Field Office and from [redacted] and as it appears that this is a bona fide attempt on the part of the Russians to embarrass the Bureau, it is not believed that any further action need be taken at this time.

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SUBJECT: **BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUSHN**, with aliases, et al.  
Espionage - R

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Reference is made to Bureau Letter of January 17, 1945 to the Honolulu Field Division in the above-captioned case, setting forth excerpts from a letter from subject Otto Kushn to his wife dated December 11, 1944. In his letter Kushn makes reference to an incident of an FBI Agent - ~~SA J. C. Moore~~ - offering to buy Mrs. Kushn's house.

In accordance with the request that the writer submit any information he may recall with regard to this particular incident, please be advised that the writer has never had any contact with Mr. and Mrs. Kushn and saw them only on one occasion when they were brought to the Honolulu Field Division shortly after December 7, 1941, for questioning.

It seems that Subject Kushn has endeavored to remind his wife of the particular incident which may have occurred involving J. Carson Moore, his son-in-law, and at the same time has endeavored to embarrass the Bureau by identifying Moore as an FBI Agent. It is believed that the Bureau file in this case will disclose that J. Carson Moore, shortly after the trial of Otto Kushn, filed suit for divorce against Ruth Kushn, daughter of the subject.

A copy of the above reference letter which was loaned the writer is attached hereto.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

January 17, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

EDWARD JULIUS GEORGE MOORE, with aliases, et al.  
ESPIONAGE - R

For your information, the Bureau was recently furnished a photostatic copy of a communication from subject Otto Kasha to his wife, Mrs. Friedel Kasha, dated December 22, 1944. In general, this letter was merely a personal letter; however, it did contain information of particular interest to the Bureau which is set forth here:

"I hope you have mailed in the meantime the claim papers to the Alien Property Custodian; as matter if you have confidence to anybody or not; neither have I. But remember when they arrested us two years ago. They did not lock your house, they even did not put up a sign 'closed by government order' etc. as these thieves could do what they wanted and in my belief they did. These F.B.I.-agents in Honolulu will never have the decency to stand for their mistakes after the fashion of many men; instead they will hide under cover of Vetting-Orders etc. - Do you remember the day when the freezing-order was announced and the F.B.I.-agent J. G. (or G.) Moore made you the offer to buy your house - under the pretence of friendship for a little amount, and to antedate the deal in order to protect your property? You refused strictly and now he will probably take his revenge. I hope that you have followed my advice to take a lawyer in Honolulu - I have mentioned some names in my previous letters - to make at least a complete inventory which would at least inform you, what the Government holds now in their hands and what is gone. Besides by filing a claim you emphasize your protest towards the wrong statements in the Vetting-Order."

The Bureau files fail to reflect any data relative to the allegation that J. G. (or G.) Moore, an Agent of the FBI, made an offer to buy Mrs. Kasha's house. In fact, there is no record of a Special Agent J. G. (or G.) Moore ever having been stationed at Honolulu. It is interesting to note in the case file that J. Garson Moore married Ruth Kasha, daughter of the subjects, on April 12, 1941.

It is appreciated that the subjects have in the past made many allegations with reference to the conduct of Special Agents and other persons in whose custody they have been. However, it has been shown that the allegations relative to this conduct on the part of the Special Agents have been without fact. It would appear that the subject is endeavoring to embarrass the Bureau by making such allegations in that he is aware that his mail is censored and the allegations would be brought to the attention of Government authorities.

It is desired that you review your file and discuss this matter with Special Agents having personal knowledge of the instant case to determine whether you may have any information relative to the allegation concerning the proposed offer to buy Mrs. Kasha's residence.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Birmingham Field Office so that [redacted] who was formerly assigned to the Honolulu Field Office, may submit any information he may recall with regard to this particular matter.



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SAC, Honolulu

May 30, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, WAS., ET AL.  
ESPIONAGE - R

For your information, there is attached a copy of a letter written by Subject Kuehn on May 9, 1945, at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to "Major J. A. Ulie, Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C." in which he inquires as to the possibility of reopening his case as he feels he is "guiltless".

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From Otto Kuehn

May 9th, 1945

(Date)

U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ka.

To Major J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General  
(Name)

War Department, Washington, D.C.  
(Address)

Dear Sir:

Regarding the possibility to reopen my case I find myself, since I'm not familiar with the law of the U.S. Government, in a rather helpless situation.

I was recently informed here that you are the competent authority for my problem, which I like to describe shortly in the following lines.

One day after the attack on Pearl Harbor I was arrested in Honolulu, T.H., accused of conspiracy with the Japanese Government, and on February 21st 1942, sentenced by a military court to death; a sentence which was later commuted to 50 years' confinement in a Federal Penitentiary. At that time martial law had been proclaimed in the Hawaiian Islands.

I am guiltless and assure you that I was in no way connected with the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Among others I account the following facts for my conviction:

A certain enragement on the islands after the attack and the looking around for a escapegoat to cover up the Hawaiian affair.

The F.B.I. agents did everything to prosecute me and went too far in their efforts, but did nothing to investigate my case justly.

Most of the witnesses I had asked for were either refused or did not appear at court.

I had no professional lawyer or legal adviser, except a defense-counselor, Major Cappin, who was not familiar with lawsuits and could not help me.

A document which would have given clear evidence that I had no connection with the attack and that I never had any intention for a conspiracy was hold back by the prosecutor and not read by the military court. It was a conversation which I had with my wife at night, a few weeks before my trial. This conversation was picked up by the F.B.I. with a dictaphone, as I was told later.

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Since the martial law in Hawaii is suspended and the war with Germany has ended, I see now my chance to assert my rights.

Please let me know which steps I have to enter in this matter; I would appreciate your legal advice. Be assured that I am decent enough not to have made this request, if I would feel guilty.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Otto Kuehn

Mr. Tom C. Clark  
Assistant Attorney General

May 30, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

BERNHARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, WAS., ET  
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You will recall that Bernhard Julius Otto Kuehn was interned on December 8, 1941, and on February 19, 1942, he was tried by a military commission at Honolulu, Hawaii, for violations of the Espionage Statutes. Kuehn was found guilty on February 21, 1942, by the commission and was sentenced to be shot. However, on October 26, 1942, his sentence was confirmed but was commuted to 50 years imprisonment by the Military Governor. The Criminal Division has been furnished all pertinent information in the Kuehn Case.

For your information and the completion of your file on Kuehn, there is attached a copy of a letter written by Kuehn on May 9, 1945, at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to "Major J. A. Ullo, Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.", in which he inquires regarding the possibility of reopening his case inasmuch as he, Kuehn, feels that he is "guiltless".

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TO : [REDACTED] Room 7643

DATE: September 5, 1945

FROM :

SUBJECT:           Transfer of Prisoners' Mail           File #65-41343

As the Prisoners' Mail Watch List has been discontinued, the photostatic copies of mail of the individuals listed below are being transferred from the Laboratory's Prisoners' Mail file to the Investigative Files.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN  
with aliases, et al  
ESPIONAGE - J

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[redacted] of the Department advised that the Army is considering the release of the transcript of the testimony in the Kuehn Case to the newspapers. On November 14, 1945, [redacted] accompanied by Colonel Slattery, trial judge Advocate in the Kuehn Case, and [redacted] had called at [redacted] office and informed him that a reporter in Washington who represents Hawaiian newspapers is attempting to get a release of the above mentioned transcript. [redacted] informed [redacted] a release of this transcript might be embarrassing to the Bureau since "Mr. Shivers made a release at the time showing the Bureau was instrumental in making the case and that Shivers in particular was responsible for success, and a release of the transcript would show that the case was made by the military". [redacted] further added that they were not releasing transcripts of all military trials in Hawaii. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he would advise him later, and informed [redacted] that he would send a memorandum to the Attorney General and forward us a copy.

The Bureau has never received a copy of this transcript and, therefore, cannot judge as to [redacted] statement that it would show that the "case was made by the military". You will recall that this case originated at the Bureau in February, 1939, upon receipt of a complaint from a personal acquaintance of Mr. E. A. Tamm. This case was investigated by the San Francisco Office and later by the office in Honolulu, and resulted in the gathering of evidence concerning financial transactions and other activities on the part of Kuehn indicating that he may be engaged in subversive activity. The Honolulu Office shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor obtained radio messages from McKay radio indicating that the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu had an agent or agents who were to send messages to sea by means of lights from a dormer window relative to the number of ships leaving and entering the Harbor. Kuehn was thoroughly interviewed by two agents of the Honolulu Office on December 31, 1941, and admitted that he had contacted the Japanese Consulate and made arrangements with them for the signaling of information, confirming the belief that he was the subject of the Japanese messages referred to above. These Japanese messages were obtained by Bureau agents and turned over to the Navy for decoding.

Kuehn was interned by the Army shortly after Pearl Harbor and as a result of the investigation by the Bureau he was brought to trial before a military commission due to the fact that Hawaii was under military law, and a verdict of guilty was returned on February 21, 1942, at which time he was sentenced to be shot. This sentence was later commuted to fifty years' imprisonment. Immediately following the trial [redacted] was confidentially informed of the conviction by Colonel Thomas Greene, Executive Military Governor, at which time Colonel Greene

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stated that he had wired the War Department and suggested that the information concerning the verdict be transmitted to the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C., "since the FBI had been instrumental in the investigation and success of the case".

You will also recall that the Army refused release in this case based on the grounds that it would disclose their ability to decode Japanese code. [redacted] was also in error in stating that a release was made by SAC Shivers, and the only release made on this matter was made by SAC [redacted] at the time of Shivers' resignation at which time he made only a few comments concerning this case in connection with Shivers' departure from the Honolulu Office. A release on this case was made by OWI on June 14, 1943, which was approved by the Bureau. b6 b7c

No action will be taken in this matter until receipt of [redacted] memorandum, at which time I think we should request a copy of the transcript before any release is made by the Army in view of [redacted] comment that such release would show that this case was made by the military.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN;  
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DATE: November 14, 1945

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] of the Department called and stated [redacted] (phonetic) had come to his office today with Colonel Slattery, trial Judge Advocate in the captioned case, and [redacted] former Agent and now a Colonel, and told [redacted] that a reporter in Washington who represents the Hawaiian newspapers, is attempting to get a release of the transcript of the testimony in the Kuehn case. [redacted] stated this might be embarrassing to the Bureau since Mr. Shivers put out a release at the time showing the Bureau had made the case and that Shivers in particular had been instrumental in making the case and this transcript would show the case was made by the military. [redacted] asked [redacted] if they were releasing transcripts of those military trials in Hawaii generally and he said no. Before suggesting to [redacted] that this matter be taken up with the Bureau directly, [redacted] said he wanted to talk with someone in the Bureau. He told [redacted] he would let him know.

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 Mr. Quinn  
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 Miss Gandy

I told [REDACTED] this matter would eventually be referred to the Attorney General for a decision. [REDACTED] stated he would send the Attorney General a memorandum and send us a copy.

Facts are being checked.

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11-15-45 Addendum:

A review of the facts in this case is being made for the purpose of determining the truth or falsity of the Army's purported "making" of this case.

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the Otto Kuehn case. I gave him the complete background, told him that we began the investigation a long period before Pearl Harbor, that we were very suspicious of Kuehn, that he was a sleeper agent, that you could not convict him in peacetime on suspicion, that legal evidence was non-existent to prove his espionage activities although we suspected him of espionage activities. I told [redacted] about the background of the OWI release and gave him a copy of it. I further told him that the War Department was contemplating making a release of the testimony and suggested he insist that the release be submitted to the Department; that instead of briefing the testimony as they did in the saboteur case, it would be much better to prepare a complete narrative; that this is something in which both the Department and the Bureau should participate. He agreed with this thoroughly.

He wanted to know who in the Department was handling the matter. I told him [redacted]. He stated he would see [redacted] immediately and would see to it that the Bureau was protected, that he could assure the Director the idea of the narrative was the only sensible way in which to handle this.

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cc - Mr. E. A. Tamm

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## PEARL HARBOR INQUIRY

*Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn*

An article appeared in the "Washington Times Herald" under date of November 16, 1945, captioned "U. S. Fardy in Translating Detailed Jap Spy Message". According to the "Times Herald", a message was introduced before the special investigating committee November 15, 1945, which was reportedly sent by Jap agents in Hawaii to Tokyo, giving detailed arrangements for transmitting information relative to the number of American warships by means of light signals flashed to enemy ebe-rvers off Oahu Island.

The signals described in the article are those which were prepared by Otto Kuehn, subject of a Bureau espionage case, who was convicted by a military commission, Honolulu, on February 21, 1942, and sentenced to 50 years at Fort Leavenworth.

The "Times Herald" states that the message was sent on December 3 but not translated until December 11th. You will recall that the communication companies at Honolulu had refused cooperation with the SAC in turning messages sent by the Japanese Consulate over to him. It was not until December 8, 1941, that SAC Shivers obtained these messages and delivered them to ONI for decoding. Had the Bureau's file nor the Honolulu files reflect when the decoded messages were returned. However, in a report of SAC Shivers captioned "Japanese Activities, Honolulu, T. H." dated December 26, 1941, he states "as soon as a translation of the above messages was received" he, with [redacted] ONI, and [redacted] G-2, took immediate steps to institute an investigation for the purpose of locating the Japanese agents who had been assigned to the task of giving these signals out. The Honolulu Field Office files reflect that this investigation was instituted on December 11, 1941. It is, therefore, evident that this message was decoded three days after it was picked up by SAC Shivers.

You will further recall that Otto Kuehn admitted preparing this signal system but stated that it was never used. An investigation by ONI and the Honolulu Field Office further reflected that no signals were made from the locations identified in the message. An investigation by the Honolulu Field Office also reflected that no advertisements were made during the pertinent period over radio station KMB or in the newspapers. Persons answering the want ad were to write the Post Office Box 1476, which was ascertained to be that owned by Otto Kuehn.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 11/20/45

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, with aliases  
FRIEDEL BARTHA AUGUSTE KUEHN with aliases  
MRS. J. CARSON MOORE, nee Ruth Kuehn  
EBERHARD MARTIN KUEHN  
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Attached for your information is a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Candler to Mr. McGranery dated November 15, 1945, covering the interview between [redacted] of the War Department and [redacted] of the Criminal Division of the Department relative to the release of the minutes of the trial of Otto Kuehn before the military commission. It has been noted that [redacted] explained that such a release "might prove embarrassing to the FBI". He explained that "the transcript disclosed that the case was made by the military authorities, whereas Mr. Shivers, the former Special Agent in Charge at Honolulu, had issued a press release shortly before his resignation extolling the Bureau's participation in this case and, in particular, his own achievements in connection therewith."

Also attached is a complete summary of the Kuehn Case, which reflects that the Bureau conducted most of the investigation which resulted in Kuehn's conviction. You will recall that we were unable to develop an espionage case against Kuehn until the Honolulu Office obtained the copies of the coded messages which were sent by the Japanese Consulate to the Foreign Office. One of these messages revealed that on December 3, 1941, the Consulate transmitted a message relative to signaling, which later Kuehn admitted that he had prepared.

Under the heading "Prosecutive Action" you will also note that FBI agents testified in this trial and produced the bulk of the testimony and witnesses to convict Kuehn. The information concerning the witnesses was obtained by the Honolulu Office from the transcript of the testimony, and it is, therefore, difficult to understand [redacted] statement that a release of this transcript would show that this was a military case other than it was tried before a military commission, which, of course, was necessary due to the fact that criminal courts were closed and Hawaii was under martial law at the time of Kuehn's trial.

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*a consensual deal or a prison.*  
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Mr. James McGranery, The Assistant to the  
Attorney General  
Theodore L. Ceadle, Assistant Attorney General

November 15, 1945  
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On the afternoon of November 15, 1945, [redacted] Military Justice Division, War Department, telephonically advised [redacted] of this Division that he desired to confer with him concerning a matter which was then up for consideration in his office. [redacted] explained that the matter in question could be handled in one of two ways, and that if it were handled in a certain way, it might be embarrassing to some extent to the FBI, whereas if it were handled in another way, this would not occur. [redacted] seemed reluctant to identify the matter on the telephone but admitted that the Department probably had no previous file on it.

At 10:30 a.m. the following morning [redacted], accompanied by [redacted], a former FBI Agent and more recently Acting United States Attorney in Hawaii, conferred with [redacted] identified the case as that involving Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn and his wife. Kuehn was tried by the Military Authorities in Hawaii in 1942. [redacted] explained that [redacted] a local reporter for the Hawaiian newspapers, was pressing the War Department to release the testimony taken at the trial of Kuehn and the view was expressed that if this were done it might prove embarrassing to the FBI. [redacted] explained that the transcript would disclose that the case was made by the Military Authorities, whereas Mr. Shivers, a former Special Agent in Charge at Honolulu, had issued a press release shortly before his resignation extolling the Bureau's participation in this case and, in particular, his own achievements in connection therewith. According to [redacted] this situation would not arise unless someone made a studied comparison between the contents of the transcript and the Bureau release.

[redacted] inquired whether the War Department was releasing all the transcripts of trials had by the Military Authorities in Hawaii and [redacted] said this was not being generally done but that [redacted] had indicated an interest in this particular case. Prior to consulting the FBI, [redacted] did not suggest that [redacted] discuss the matter directly with the Bureau.

The above information was informally furnished to the Bureau. If it is agreeable with you, it is suggested that we request [redacted] to take this matter up with the FBI.

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TO : The Director

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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

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On December 4, 1945, while talking to Lamar Caudle and [REDACTED] in the Criminal Division on other matters, I called their attention to the above entitled case and particularly to the conference which they had had with [REDACTED] of the War Department wherein [REDACTED] had informed them that the release of the minutes of the trial of Otto Kuehn might prove embarrassing to the FBI.

I informed these two gentlemen that the release of such minutes would not in any way prove embarrassing to the Bureau, particularly in view of the fact that the investigation leading up to the arrest of the Kuehns had been conducted by the FBI and the major portion of the testimony introduced before the Military Commission was introduced by Special Agents of the Bureau who testified personally on the results of their investigation.

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# MEMORANDUM

Re: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KACHA, with aliases  
FRIEDEL BERTA AUGUSTE KACHA, with aliases  
MRS. J. CARSON MOORE, nee Ruth Kacha  
BERNHARD MARTIN KACHA  
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As a result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bernard Julius Otto Kacha, a German national residing on the Island of Oahu in the Hawaiian Islands, was convicted by a military commission sitting in Honolulu and found guilty on February 21, 1942, of unlawfully obtaining information affecting the national defense and disclosing such information to the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu. He was sentenced by the military commission to be shot to death with munitions. However, on October 26, 1942, the Military Governor, Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, of the Territory of Hawaii, although approving the sentence imposed by the military commission, commuted Kacha's sentence to confinement at hard labor for 50 years and ordered him to be confined in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is located at the present time.

As a result of this investigation, reports of which were furnished to Army and Navy Intelligence at Honolulu and the Seat of Government, Kacha's wife, Friedel Berta Augusta Kacha, his daughter, Mrs. J. Carson Moore, and his son, Bernhard Martin Kacha, along with Kacha were apprehended by the military authorities, who had jurisdiction over apprehensions and internments in the Hawaiian Islands at that time, on December 8, 1941, and interned as dangerous alien enemies. Mrs. Kacha and her daughter Ruth were transferred to an internment camp at Crystal City, Texas, where they remained until January 7, 1945, at which time they were repatriated to Germany aboard the SS Gripsholm, together with Mrs. Kacha's youngest son, Hans Kacha, age 11.

## Origin of Case

Otto Kacha first came to the attention of the Bureau in February, 1939, when a civilian reported information indicating that Kacha and his wife were believed to be engaged in espionage activity. This report pointed out that although Kacha and his wife had no apparent source of income they owned two homes at Kailua, Oahu, one of which was very large, and further they allegedly entertained lavishly, particularly Army officers.

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## Activities of Kacha

This information was immediately made available to OGI and G-2, and the San Francisco Field Division of the Bureau, inasmuch as there was no office in Honolulu at that time, was requested to conduct an appropriate investigation.

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Subsequent to this original information the Federal Bureau of Investigation continued to receive many complaints from residents of Honolulu. All of these allegations were non-specific and based entirely upon suspicion. The subsequent investigation conducted by the San Francisco Office and by the Honolulu Office, which was opened in August, 1939,

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Kuehn, who was interviewed shortly after his arrest on December 8, 1941, informed Bureau Agents who questioned him concerning this money that he had received in all approximately \$30,000.00, underestimating the total amount by some \$40,000.00. Kuehn maintained that the money transferred to him through international banking channels actually resulted from funds which he had on deposit in Rotterdam. He claimed that he opened a small account with a bank in Rotterdam in April, 1918, during the first world war and that later, while operating the freighter Antares, he deposited money received therefrom in this account. He further added that his father had left him about \$50,000.00 in cash in 1920, as well as a number of houses and government bonds. However, he stated that with this money he purchased the Antares, which shortly thereafter ran on a reef and was sold for \$2,000.00. Kuehn claimed that another source of his income was an aunt, Else Svendsen, a resident of Sweden, who in 1934 transferred about \$35,000.00 to him, which constituted his share of an inheritance he was to receive later. This sum he claims to have deposited in a bank in Amsterdam. Kuehn further claimed that he was unable to get any additional funds from abroad after 1938 until the spring of 1940.

[REDACTED]

According to information received from ONI in the early fall of 1940, the Kuehns had a dormer window constructed in the attic of their residence which overlooked Kaneohe Air Station. ONI advised that they had made numerous observations of the Kuehn house but had not uncovered any suspicious activities.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On July 20, 1940, information was received from G-2 to the effect that a couple identified as Mr. and Mrs. Friedell, apparently Germans, have frequently secretly approached the Japanese Consulate General in Honolulu requesting him to transmit information to the Japanese Navy. On July 10, 1940, the Japanese Consulate General requested the Tokyo Foreign Office to report on the reliability of the Friedells. On July 12, 1940, according to G-2, the Foreign Office replied stating in effect that the Japanese Navy could not place the Friedells very well, but would like to receive their information by wire with an indication that it emanated from the Friedells.

[REDACTED]

Kuehn further admitted to Bureau agents who had questioned him subsequent to December 8, 1941, that approximately four weeks after Mrs. Kuehn returned from Japan to Honolulu, which was on April 20, 1940, he received a letter from [REDACTED] stating it would be necessary for Kuehn to make other arrangements to get additional funds out of Japan as it was becoming too difficult and dangerous to continue his efforts along these lines. Kuehn replied [REDACTED] and suggested that he contact [REDACTED] who would assist in forwarding money from Japan to Honolulu. With this letter Kuehn sent a Duden (German) Grammar Dictionary similar to a Webster Dictionary, retaining a duplicate copy for his own use, and explained that in future communications he would use a number code which would indicate the page and the word from the top of the page denoting the word intended, such as, if the word "money" appeared on page 210 of the dictionary and was the sixth word down from the top, to indicate the word "money", Kuehn would use the number "210-6".

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According to Kuehn, he met [REDACTED] during July of 1936 while en route to Japan on a Japanese boat. [REDACTED] introduced himself to Kuehn as being from an old Japanese family of nobility and associated in some manner with the Mitsui clan in Japan. He was returning from England at the time and stated that he had also visited Germany. He spoke English and German fluently. Upon arrival in Yokohama, [REDACTED] asked Kuehn where he intended to stay and arranged to see him at a later date. Within a few days Kuehn was visited by [REDACTED] at the Imperial Hotel, and [REDACTED] took Kuehn on a sight-seeing tour around Tokyo. At dinner that evening [REDACTED] very tactfully referred to Kuehn's service in the German Navy as an officer during World War I and inquired whether Kuehn would from time to time furnish [REDACTED] with information about Honolulu, which was to be for the benefit of the Japanese Government. Kuehn insists he refused to have anything to do with such an idea and [REDACTED] never mentioned the proposition again.

However, [redacted] did continue to visit Kuchin at the Imperial Hotel and frequently entertained him by taking him to the theater, dinners, his [redacted] and earnest fishing. [redacted] was most cordial to Kuchin on all of these occasions and frequently extended an offer to be of assistance to him.

According to Kuchin, he never saw [redacted] subsequent to October, 1936, when he sailed from Japan, and, except for a Christmas card which he received from [redacted] in 1936, Kuchin claims he did not correspond or communicate with this individual in any manner until the spring of 1940, when Kuchin wrote [redacted]

On the Kuchin further admitted that around September, 1940, \$10,000 in American money was delivered to Kuchin [redacted] explained to Kuchin that this money [redacted], and at the time he handed the money over to Kuchin he also gave him a slip of paper which instructed him not to write [redacted] but in the future to address his letters to [redacted] at a certain post office box in Tokyo. It was known that Mrs. Kuchin was acquainted with most of the stewards and purser aboard Japanese ships and that she had several of them at her home when they were in Honolulu. She had made the acquaintance [redacted] on board the Hakusa Maru on a trip from Shanghai to Germany in 1936.

Kuchin further admitted to Bureau agents at the time of his interview that on Saturday, October 18 or 25, 1941, at about 4:00 p.m. following the arrival of the Tatuta Maru in Honolulu from Japan, a Japanese employee of that vessel called in person at Kuchin's Kalama residence and delivered a letter and a package to him, the letter containing \$14,000 in \$100 and 120 bills, commenting that they were [redacted] in Japan. Upon opening the letter Kuchin found a sheet of paper containing a typewritten message in English, asking if he had a short wave transmitter and whether he would be willing to make a test on a certain wave length at a stated time on an evening in the immediate future. Kuchin claims that the unknown Japanese gave him a sheet of paper and an envelope for the purpose of replying and he asserts that he wrote a note on this paper that he was unable to make such a test and handed the same to this unknown Japanese. b6  
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An investigation conducted by the Honolulu Office for the purpose of verifying or disproving Kuchin's story revealed that Kuchin's son, Eberhard, was in the yard at the time this Japanese called on his father and verified the time as being on October 18 or 25, 1941, at about 4:00 p.m., and gave a description to the agents of this individual. It was also ascertained from records of the Customs Inspector that the Tatuta Maru arrived in Honolulu on Thursday, October 23, 1941, and departed at 12:25 p.m. on October 24, 1941. It was further definitely established that there was no Japanese vessel in the Port of Honolulu on any Saturday during October of 1941, which definitely indicated that the courier of the \$14,000 was not from a Japanese boat as alleged by Kuchin.

It was ascertained from [redacted] in Honolulu, that during October of 1941, [redacted]

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The description of [REDACTED] was practically identical with that of the description of the unknown Japanese courier described by Otto's son, Eberhard. A picture of [REDACTED] was then displayed to Eberhard, who stated that the picture was very similar to that of the Japanese courier who visited his father. Otto Knehn was also shown the picture and advised that he had seen this individual before but could not place him. He also admitted that he could possibly have been the Japanese courier who visited him and paid him the \$14,000.

Knehn Identified as Originator of Signal System

On the morning of December 7, 1941, at the request of the Special Agent in Charge of the Honolulu Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation [REDACTED] of the Honolulu Police Department, established a guard at the Japanese Consulate. Upon arrival at the Consulate [REDACTED] observed that Otojiro Okada, the Vice Consul, and another member of the Consulate were burning certain papers. [REDACTED] took charge of the unburned material and turned it over to the Special Agent in Charge of the Honolulu Office at about 7:00 p.m. on December 7, 1941.

An examination of this material disclosed the telegram file of the Consulate reflected the messages which the Consulate General had sent to and received from the Foreign Office in Tokyo, and a code book which appeared to be the Consulate code. All of this material was immediately turned over to [REDACTED] who turned it over to the Cryptographic Section of the Navy at Pearl Harbor for decoding and translation.

On the morning of December 8, 1941, the Special Agent in Charge of the Honolulu Office contacted officials of the Globe Wireless and Mackay Radio and Telegraph companies, requesting copies of all messages which had been sent and received by the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu from December 1, 1941, to and including December 7, 1941. Although previous requests made of these communication

companies in the past had been refused, at this time the request was complied with. The messages received from the Mackay Radio and Telegraph Company were in code and Japanese text. They were also turned over to [redacted] b6 b7C  
[redacted], who delivered them to the Cryptographic Section of the Navy at Pearl Harbor. The messages obtained from Globe Wireless were in plain text and were of no value from an espionage point of view.

Among the coded messages obtained from Mackay Radio Company and submitted to the Navy for decoding was the following, which set forth a system of signaling to Japanese ships at sea for the purpose of disclosing the number of units of the United States Fleet:

"J0245 (1) 'PA'

3 December, 1941

From: KIYA

To: FOREIGN MINISTER, TOKYO

(Secret Military message No. ) (By Chief of Consulate's Code).

To: Chief of Third Section, Naval General Staff

From: FUJII

Re signals I wish to simplify communications as follows:

1. Code (following 3 section 8 line table)  
Battle force, including scouting force, are about to put to sea --

1. Several aircraft carriers plan to put to sea.
2. All battle force has sailed 1st - 3rd dates inc.
3. Several aircraft carriers have sailed (1st to 3rd).
4. All aircraft carriers have sailed (1st to 3rd).
5. All battle force have sailed, 4th - 6th dates inc.
6. Several aircraft carriers have sailed. (4th to 6th).
7. All aircraft carriers have sailed. (4th to 6th).

2. Signal

Light in Lanikai beach house at night - - - -

One light from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. indicates '1'. From 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. indicates '2'. The below signals until midnight, in order indicate 3 and 4. Two lights, according to the time, indicate 5, 6, 7, 8. When not in accordance with (lights) above 1 full automobile headlight and one half light indicate 1, 2, 3, 4. Two full lights indicate 5, 6, 7, 8.

2. On the Lanikai coast during daytime from 8 a.m. until noon every hour 1 piece linen cloth (sheet) indicates 1, 2, 3, 4. Two pieces linen cloth indicate 5, 6, 7, 8.



"3. In Lanikai bay during daytime in front of harbor (Offing) a star boat with one star on sail indicates 1, 2, 3, 4; a star and 'III' indicates 5, 6, 7, 8.

4. Light in corner window of Kalama house from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. every hour indicates 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

5. 'KMS' Want Ads' advertisements 9:45 a.m.

- (a) A Chinese rug etc., for sale - apply F. S. Box 1476 indicates 3 or 6.
- (b) A complete chicken farm etc., apply as above indicates 4 or 7.
- (c) Beauty operator wanted - same - indicates 5 or 8.

In the event that in accordance with one of 3 items written above from Oahu a signal or radio message is impossible or Maui Island at a point located between two lower road six miles north of Halea Senatorium and Haleakala road which can be watch from the sea to the south west and south east of Maui, until the receipt of the signal 'TITI' this (the following) will be repeated for several days: A small fire on the high peak.

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. indicates 3 or 6; 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. indicates 4 or 7

9 p.m. - 10 p.m. indicates 5 or 8."

Immediately upon receipt of the above translated message, Special Agent in Charge J. L. Shivers, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ D-3, took immediate steps to institute an investigation for the purpose of locating the Japanese agents who had been assigned to the task of using these signals, presumably to furnish information to the enemy submarines off the shores of the Island of Oahu. The Office of Naval Intelligence covered the station at Lanikai and also the Island of Maui in an effort to locate and identify the persons who would send signals from those two places. The FBI conducted an investigation at Kalama and also made inquiries concerning any advertisements over radio station KMS "Want Ads" advertisements and also in the local newspapers for the purpose of determining the identity of the individual or individuals who would send signals from Kalama, and whether any advertisements appeared relative to Item 5, (a), (b) and (c), as set forth in the above message. Investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that no want ads were published during the pertinent period containing any of the signals mentioned in the above Japanese message. Investigation in the vicinity of Lanikai and Kalama also failed to disclose that any system of signaling was

used in these vicinities. A thorough search of Kuehn's house was made by the Bureau and the only pertinent information found was a collection of newspaper articles concerning information on ships at Pearl Harbor. It was also ascertained that Kuehn had a short-wave receiving set which could be converted into a short-wave transmitter to cover a range of approximately 75 miles; however, no indication was evidenced that any attempt had been made to convert this receiver into a transmitter. It appeared that the "former window" of the Kalam house and the signals at Lanikai may have referred to the residence of Otto Kuehn, who was then under investigation.

Kuehn was interviewed from time to time by Bureau agents after his apprehension on December 8, 1941, and on January 1, 1942, he furnished a signed statement admitting that he had prepared the system of signaling as set forth in the Japanese message, but claimed that it was never used. Kuehn said that he first contacted the Japanese Consulate during the first part of November, 1941, for the alleged purpose of seeking their assistance in sending money to his son, Leopold, who was in Germany. Kuehn discussed his problem with Okada, the Vice Consul, and also with Kito, the Consulate General, and he was advised that they could not assist him.

Kuehn then promised to furnish them information, at which time Okada asked him if he could obtain information on United States ships which were in the Hawaiian waters. Kuehn told him that he could, and he also advised the Japanese that he had a short-wave transmitter and could send messages for them if they so desired. At this time he also offered them a system of signaling by lights, at sea, that could be used in order to furnish information relative to the type of ships at Pearl Harbor and those that had left. Kuehn described to Bureau agents this system of signaling as similar to that which appeared in the above message. However, the Japanese informed him that this system of communication was too complicated and it would be necessary for him to simplify it. He returned to the Consulate about December 2, 1941, with a simplified set of signals which he described as practically identical with the message sent by the Japanese to their Foreign Office on December 3, 1941.

Kuehn informed the Japanese that these signals could be given from his Lanikai home and also from his Kalam home. He said the same system of signals could be used with a "star boat" which was off the mouth of Lanikai Beach between certain hours. He also informed the Japanese that it could be arranged to insert vent ads in the KOWA "Vent Ads" program. He further informed the Japanese that if it were impossible to give this system of signals, a garbage fire on Maui in a certain locality would indicate the same information. He made arrangements with Okada that in the event he desired to contact him later he could do so by sending him a postcard signed "Jimmy" to his post office box, 1476, at Honolulu.

Kuehn claimed that after submitting these plans to Okada he had no further contact with any representatives of the Consulate nor did he receive

any correspondence or telephone messages from such representatives. Kuehn claimed that to his knowledge no effort was made by the Consulate to put any of the proposed plans into effect.

At the same time that Kuehn delivered this plan he also delivered a list showing the number and type of naval vessels in Pearl Harbor, which were as follows:

7 Battleships  
6 Cruisers  
2 Aircraft Carriers  
40 Destroyers  
27 Submarines

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[REDACTED] Naval Intelligence, Honolulu, verified these figures as being substantially correct as of November 27, 1941.

#### Preventive Action

As a result of the investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Otto Kuehn and his family, Otto Kuehn, his wife, Friedel Kuehn, his daughter, Ruth Kuehn Moore, and his son, Bernhard Martin Kuehn, were all arrested and interned upon orders of the military authorities on December 8, 1941. The Internment Hearing Board recommended that all subjects be interned for the duration of the war.

As a result of obtaining the messages sent by the Japanese Consulate in Honolulu to Tokyo, Japan, on December 8, 1941, which were not available prior to that time, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was able to obtain sufficient evidence to bring charges of espionage against Otto Kuehn. Inasmuch as Hawaii was then under martial law, these charges were brought by the military commission then sitting in Honolulu, and on February 19, 1942, he was tried on three counts for violation of the Espionage Statutes of Sections 31, 32 and 34, Title 50, United States Code Annotated.

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Special Agents of the Honolulu Office, [REDACTED] and former SAC Whivers all testified before the military trial which was closed to all observers. In addition to testimony of Bureau agents concerning all of Kuehn's admissions, his signed statements, and the results of our investigation, Miss Annie June, receptionist at the Japanese Consulate, testified that she had seen Kuehn enter the Consulate on numerous occasions. Katsukichi Murakami testified that he had seen Otto Kuehn enter the Japanese Consulate. Mame Josephine Kuehn, age 10 and son of Otto Kuehn, testified that he accompanied his father on a drive to Pearl Harbor. Bernhard Martin Kuehn testified concerning the Japanese courier who called on his father and delivered money amounting to \$14,000. Richard Masayuki Kotoshirodo testified concerning driving Otajiro Okada and Tadashi Morimura in the neighborhood of Kuehn's house at about the time Kuehn received the \$14,000 from a Japanese.

Other witnesses who testified were Donald Stone Carrothers, Chief of Bureau of Taxation Map Bureau, who introduced original tax map showing residences owned by Kachin at Salama and Lomikai. Alexander P. Long, Assistant Postmaster, Honolulu, testified that Post Office Box 1476 was registered under the name of Kachin. Commander Harry Anthonoff Rags, United States Navy, Assistant Captain of Navy Yard, introduced a summary of ship movements in Pearl Harbor between November 22 and December 6, 1941, inclusive. Lieutenant Commander Cecil Charles Coggins, United States Navy Medical Corps, testified that attacking planes and personnel on December 7, 1941, were Japanese.

On February 21, 1942, a verdict of guilty was returned by the military commission on each of three counts, and Otto Kachin was sentenced to be shot by hanging. On October 26, 1942, the verdict of guilty was confirmed but his sentence was commuted to 50 years' imprisonment at hard labor by the Military Governor. Kachin was transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on November 20, 1942. Mrs. Kachin and her daughter Ruth were transferred to an internment camp at Crystal City, Texas, where they remained until January 7, 1945, at which time they were repatriated to Germany aboard the MS Gripsholm, together with Mrs. Kachin's youngest son, Hans Kachin.

#### Interview of Consular Officials

Between the period of April 17 and April 21, 1942, a Bureau agent interviewed the Consular officials formerly stationed at the Japanese Consulate at Honolulu, who were interned at the Triangle T Dude Ranch, Flagstaff, Arizona.



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Personal History

Otto Koehn was born in Berlin, Germany, on July 25, 1895. In April, 1913, he enlisted in the German Navy as a Cadet on the training cruiser *Bertha* in Flensburg, Germany. After serving his training period, Koehn became a midshipman on the German cruiser *Kincher*, on which he served during World War I until January 24, 1915, when he was captured by the British following a naval engagement in which the *Kincher* was sunk. He remained in a British camp as a prisoner of war until January, 1918, when, during an exchange of prisoners, he was sent to Holland, remaining there for the duration of the war.

After the Armistice, Koehn returned to Berlin and studied architecture for three months. He then re-entered the Naval service as a Lieutenant aboard the *Kittelsbach*, the mother ship of a mine sweeper flotilla. He remained in active service for six months, when he was cashiered out of the Navy on account of financial difficulties. For the next year and one-half Koehn studied medicine at the Universities of Berlin and Munich, and on May 10, 1920, while a medical student, he married Friedel Birk, the unmarried mother of two children, Leopold and Ruth. Two sons, Martin Eberhard and Hans Joachim, were born to the Koehns.

Shortly before their marriage, Koehn purchased a 500-ton sailing freighter, known as the *Antares*, out of an inheritance of about \$50,000 cash and some houses and government bonds left to him by his father. He operated this boat between Finland and Rotterdam, but after a short while it ran on a reef and subject sold the boat for about \$2,000.

In 1921, Koehn took a job as Plant Protection man for Siemens in Berlin, a machinery concern engaged in the manufacture of heavy motors, et cetera, and, after about one year, he transferred to another branch of the company for the purpose of learning the business, remaining in this capacity until 1923. At that time, subject operated a manufacturing and distributing business of sparkling water and lemonade in Stettin, Germany, but this lasted less than a year. Thereafter, he returned to Berlin and was employed as an inspector with "Famersche Industriell", a dairy products concern. He stayed at this work until 1928, but before discontinuing this employment, sometime during 1927, he entered into the coffee importing business in Berlin in partnership with one Overbeck. Koehn acted as sales manager in this venture and continued his association with this business until he left Germany in 1935.

Kuehn first became associated with the Nazi Party in 1930 following his attendance at a meeting called by Hitler in Kiel, Germany, at which the latter spoke. Immediately after the meeting, Kuehn enlisted as a member of the Nazi Party and also influenced his son, Leopold, to join. However, he did not become active in the Party until 1932, when Herr Sunkel, the Party district leader at Kiel, suggested that Kuehn go with Reinhold Heydrich to Munich to see a person, name unrecalled, who later became Chief of Police at Munich, about securing a job with the Party. Sunkel brought Heydrich to Kuehn's home and, after subject advanced Heydrich a loan of about 100 marks, he and Heydrich en-trained for Munich. Upon reaching that city, they went to the City Hall Restaurant for refreshments. Heydrich excused himself, explaining he was going to see the person to whom Sunkel had referred Kuehn and him. As it developed later, Heydrich was given a position by the unknown person which eventually turned out to be the Chief of the German Gestapo System under Heinrich Himmler. When Sunkel sent Kuehn and Heydrich to Munich, he mentioned that one or more positions were open, and it is quite possible that the job given to Heydrich was the one for which subject was being considered. Kuehn has stated that if the assignment were offered to him, he unhesitatingly would have accepted.

After an absence of about four hours, Heydrich returned to the City Hall Restaurant and he, with Kuehn and the unknown individual who later became Chief of Police at Munich, went to Himmler's home where a discussion was had regarding Communism and the means to be adopted to eradicate it from Germany. After this, Heydrich told Kuehn that Himmler did not like him and suggested it would be best for Kuehn to return to Berlin. Shortly thereafter, Kuehn received word from Herr Sunkel that he was to work in Altona, Germany, as an investigator for the Party to determine the identities of those individuals who were Communist and those who were pro-Nazi, particularly in the Police Department. Kuehn worked on this assignment for about six months, at which time he made a report on the Chief of Police at Altona, who was a Party member, to the effect that he was immoral in his private life, and shortly thereafter, following some minor troubles, subject was told that his services were no longer required. He then returned to Berlin and his coffee business.

While in Berlin, [redacted] Kuehn [redacted] came to his home, and this incident was reported to the Party officials, following which subject was dismissed from the Party and was later arrested, when he went to the office of the Nazi Party official for a hearing. He was then held by the police for two weeks, and then placed in a concentration camp for four weeks, but was not questioned at any time during this period. While interned, Kuehn's wife, Friedel, and his son, Leopold, and a friend named [redacted] worked on his behalf among members of the Party, and as a result he was released. At that time Leopold was a Stormtrooper and Mrs. Kuehn was working for the Nazi Welfare Department. b6 b7c

About three months later, Kuehn was again arrested by the police and charged with having attended, taken pictures of, and making a report about a

meeting between Hitler and Von Papen at Cöln. He was taken to the German courts and succeeded in proving and establishing an alibi that he had never been in Cöln and hence was released.

Subject turned his attention to his coffee business, but because he was no longer a member of the Nazi Party it was impossible for him to obtain orders. During the year 1934, Kuehn wrote several articles on the Far East, its culture and politics, for German newspapers and magazines, and in April, 1935, he decided to go to the Orient to study the Japanese language. He sailed from Bremen, Germany, on the SS Stuttgart and arrived in New York City on April 29, 1935. He remained in New York for six days and then proceeded to San Francisco, where he visited the German Consulate and requested the names of the Germans in Honolulu whom he could contact. He sailed from San Francisco on the SS Tatuta Maru with his wife, the rest of his family remaining in Germany, and after staying in Honolulu at the Brookland Hotel for three weeks, he and his wife sailed for Japan on the Asama Maru. In Tokyo, Kuehn stayed at the Imperial Hotel and he contacted [redacted] of the Imperial University regarding his studying the Japanese language. Accordingly, Kuehn and his wife traveled to Shanghai, from where Mrs. Kuehn proceeded to Germany and Otto returned to Honolulu on August 15, 1935, staying at the Brookland Hotel until March, 1936. In December of 1935, subject's daughter, Ruth, and his son, Eberhard Martin, joined him in Honolulu, and in April of the following year Mrs. Kuehn and Hans arrived in Hawaii.

Kuehn made a trip to Tokyo, Japan, in June, 1936, averredly to continue his Japanese language studies, returning to Honolulu in September of the same year.

Subject purchased the Modern Steel Furniture Company seashore during 1934, which he operated unsuccessfully for eight or nine months, when it was turned over to a trustee after losing approximately \$15,000. The only other employment he had in Honolulu was a job as a freight checker with the Honolulu Iron Works, which he secured about June, 1941, and quit after six weeks as the work was too difficult.

Kuehn admitted that the only income his family derived locally was that resulting from the operation of the Kailua Beauty Shop, opened in June, 1940, by Mrs. Kuehn, from which she received an average income of approximately \$80 a month. Aside from this, subject in 1937 leased eight acres of land from the Kanae Ranch Company, seven acres of which he later subleased to a Japanese gardener, retaining one for his own use to raise fruits and vegetables. In addition, Kuehn also raised chickens, having about 200 at the time of his arrest. None of these operations, however, was income-producing.

Kuehn filed a declaration of intention for United States citizenship, number 4321, in Honolulu on March 3, 1936. He filed a petition for citizenship

on June 30, 1941, and his hearing was scheduled for December, 1941. It was anticipated that he would have been admitted to citizenship on the last Saturday in January, 1942, in the event the results of this hearing had been satisfactory. However, the declaration of war between the United States and Japan, as well as the detection of subject's espionage activities, prevented his becoming a citizen.

At the time of his arrest, Kocha was residing in Kailua, Oahu, T. H., with his wife, Friedel, and his two sons, Eberhard Martin, age 15, and Hans Joachim, age 10. His married daughter, Ruth, Mrs. J. Carson Moore, lived with her husband in Kailua. Kocha's father, now deceased, formerly was a Doctor of Chemistry in Stettin, Germany, where he acted as a food inspector. Subject's brother, name unknown, is a doctor presently engaged in private practice in Berlin. Kocha's stepson, Leopold, age about 32 at the time of his father's arrest, occupies a responsible position in Josef Goebbels's Propaganda Division of the Nazi Government in Berlin.



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TO: Mr. Tolson

FROM: Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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I took up yesterday with [REDACTED] the matter of releasing the transcript in the Otto Luhn case and briefed him fully on the developments of the case, and the like. He agreed that if any release was made, it should be made in narrative.

He informed me that he had checked into the matter and the War Department had decided that they would make no release on the case. I had previously furnished [REDACTED] with a copy of the OVI release which had been approved by the Army, the Navy, and the FBI.

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In the Matter of  
BERNHARD JULIUS OTTO KUHSE  
Alien Enemy  

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116-13-2-21-230

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, Bernhard Julius Otto Kuhse, of Leavenworth, Kansas, a citizen of Germany, over the age of fourteen years, is within the United States and not a naturalized citizen thereof and has heretofore been apprehended as being potentially dangerous to the public peace and safety of the United States, and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the evidence before me, I deem the said alien enemy potentially dangerous to the peace and security of the United States, NOW THEREFORE

IT IS ORDERED that said alien enemy be interned.

*Tom C. Cline*

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated, Washington, D. C.

May 17, 1946

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In the Matter of  
**BERNHARD JULIUS OTTO KESSEN**

D. J. File No.  
146-13-2-21-300

Alien Enemy

ORDER

WHEREAS, **Bernhard Julius Otto Kessen** is a German alien enemy over the age of fourteen years who has heretofore been interned by order of the Attorney General dated **May 17, 1946**; and,

WHEREAS, the said alien enemy was, at his request, accorded a full hearing before a Repatriation Hearing Board on the issue of his removal from the United States; and,

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the evidence presented ~~before the Alien Enemy Hearing Board on~~ and before the Repatriation Hearing Board on **June 11, 1946**, I deem said alien enemy to be dangerous to the public peace and safety of the United States because he has adhered to a government with which the United States is at war or to the principles thereof; NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that the said alien enemy depart from the United States within thirty days after notification of this order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in the event the said alien enemy fails or neglects to depart from the United States within the said thirty days, the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization is directed to provide for the alien's removal to Germany.

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*Tom C. [illegible]*

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- (1) Der Grosse Duden, a German dictionary obtained from [REDACTED] residence.

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Director, FBI

ATTENTION: EUROPEAN AND ASIATIC DESK

Re: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, was.;  
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 MRS. J. CARSON MOORE nee Ruth Kuehn;  
 EBERHARD MARTIN KUEHN;  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman dated July 31, 1946, in the above captioned matter, transmitting a copy of the German dictionary "Der Grose Duden" obtained from the residence of [REDACTED] on July 29, 1946.

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Very truly yours,

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FROM : [REDACTED]

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DATE: August 16, 1946

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reference is made to an investigative report and a letter from Tokyo, both dated July 31, 1946, in connection with this case, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was obtained from the residence of [REDACTED] on July 29, 1946. *(S) b1 b6 b7c*

As a matter of record, it is noted that a Duden dictionary was furnished in 1940 by Kuehn, according to Kuehn's admission, for use as a code book between them. The method of use was to be by page and line numbers, whereby the word "money" (geld), for instance, might be sent as 185-57, for page 185 and the 57th word on the page. No other details of the proposed code are known.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 20, 1946

FROM : SAC, Honolulu

SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, ET AL  
ESPIONAGE G and J  
Bureau File 65-1574

It will be recalled the above individual has been confined to Leavenworth Penitentiary under a fifty-year sentence imposed by a military commission in Honolulu as result of espionage activities engaged in by him just prior to the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Information has now been received, concerning which the Bureau is perhaps not informed, that KUEHN has recently been released from the Leavenworth Penitentiary and is presently being held at the Immigration Station, Ellis Island, New York, awaiting transportation to Germany. This information was obtained by ASAC J. STERLING ADAMS who was exhibited a communication recently received by [redacted], from KUEHN in which KUEHN requested [redacted] recommendations respecting his good character prior to the war. In that communication, KUEHN indicated he had been presented with a document upon his release to the effect his sentence was served, which left the implication that perhaps KUEHN has been released under some form of agreement to voluntarily return to Germany and never attempt to reenter the United States.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

FROM :

DATE: October 18, 1946

SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN, et al  
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You will note from the attached letter that Kuehn, whose death sentence for espionage at Pearl Harbor was commuted to a 50-year sentence, is reportedly being held at Ellis Island waiting deportation to Germany.

Even though it would seem to be none of the Bureau's business whether the Department makes a man serve out his sentence or deport him, we should know the situation for our records so that we might answer any queries in this type of case. It is probable that we will have to answer some correspondence in this regard in these cases, either from the public or other intelligence agencies.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Bureau of Prisons and/or the Immigration Service be conferred with to determine their policy in this type of case without indicating that the Bureau has any interest in the correctness of the policy.

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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

October 22, 1946

BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUSHN, ET AL

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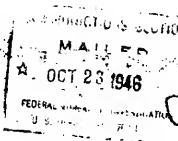
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The Bureau is in receipt of information from the Honolulu Office that the above individual is presently stationed at Ellis Island, New York, awaiting deportation to Germany. Bernard Kushn has been confined at the Leavenworth Penitentiary under a fifty-year-sentence imposed by a Military Commission in Honolulu as a result of espionage activities engaged in by him prior to the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The Bureau desires that through your contacts at Ellis Island you determine whether Bernard Kushn is definitely located at Ellis Island and is being considered for deportation and, if possible, the expected date of his deportation.

CC - Honolulu

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED] *MS*

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN; et al;  
ESPIONAGE - G, J

DATE: 10/22/46

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Reference is made to the memorandum of [REDACTED] to you of October 18, 1946, in which he recommends that the Bureau of Prisons or the Immigration Service be contacted to determine the policy in deporting individuals who are presently confined in penitentiaries.

You will recall that Bernard Kuehn received a fifty-year-sentence for espionage and is now reported by the Honolulu Office to be at Ellis Island, New York, awaiting deportation to Germany. The writer contacted [REDACTED] of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, D. C., and he advised that there has been no change in Immigration's policy in connection with the deportation of individuals. He said for a number of years it has been the custom and practice of the Immigration Service to deport all undesirable aliens and that in a number of instances the individuals included in this category are those presently confined in Federal prisons, serving sentences for violation of the laws of the United States. [REDACTED] of course, is not acquainted with the case of Bernhard Kuehn but did stress the fact that the deportation of individuals who are serving sentences has been in effect for a number of years.

[REDACTED] also advised that in returning individuals to Germany, the Immigration Service obtains clearance from the War Department to the effect that there is no objection in returning these individuals to Germany which, of course, is now a military zone. Therefore, the military authorities are fully aware of the return to Germany of undesirable aliens which, of course, includes alien enemies.

If you agree, there is attached hereto a letter to the New York Office advising them of the probable deportation of Kuehn and instructing them to make a discreet inquiry with the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Ellis Island to definitely determine if Bernhard Kuehn is presently stationed at Ellis Island and is actually going to be deported.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUERN, et al;  
ESPIONAGE - G, J

DATE: November 8, 1946

Reference is made to your letter dated October 22, 1946.

Please be advised that [redacted] at Ellis Island advises that subject is presently located at Ellis Island awaiting deportation. He is unable to give an expected date of deportation.

Unless advised to the contrary, no request will be made of the authorities at Ellis Island to advise this office when deportation is effected.

cc - Honolulu

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SAC, NEW YORK

December 23, 1947

DIRECTOR, FBI

BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUSHN  
ESPIONAGE - R, S  
RESEARCH

Bureau File 65-1574

Your memo dated November 8, 1947,  
advised that Kushn was then located at Ellis  
Island awaiting deportation. It is desired that  
you ascertain the date deportation was effected  
and advise the Bureau promptly by letter.

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SAC, New York

March 2, 1948

Director, FBI

BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KERN

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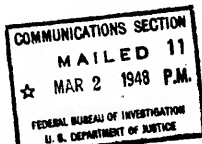
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Reurlet dated 2-10-48.

The Bureau desires that you maintain contact with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in order to be advised of when the deportation order outstanding against the subject is carried into effect. When this information is received, you are requested to advise the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 10, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN;  
ESPIONAGE - G, J;  
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*[REDACTED]* Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island, New York, stated that the subject is presently located at Ellis Island awaiting deportation. He stated that a removal order was issued by the Attorney General against KUEHN as an Alien Enemy and that the warrant of deportation cannot be effected until the removal order issued by the Attorney General is dismissed.

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*[REDACTED]* advised that he was unable to estimate the length of time it would take to effect the deportation order.

Unless advised to the contrary, no request will be made of the authorities at Ellis Island to advise this office when deportation is effected.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :  *7/15/48*

DATE: 7-15-48

FROM :  *b6 b7c*

SUBJECT:

Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn, with aliases;  
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There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 28, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN  
ESPIONAGE - G and J  
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Rebulet July 9, 1948.

On March 24, 1948, a letter was directed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island, New York, requesting that this office be advised as soon as the subject has been deported. Since that time contacts have been maintained with [REDACTED] Immigration and Naturalization Service, and on July 19, 1948, he stated that the subject is still being held at Ellis Island and that he did not know when the date of deportation would take effect. b6 b7c

As requested in the Bureau letter dated March 3, 1948, contacts will be maintained with Immigration and Naturalization Service and as soon as the deportation order outstanding against the subject is carried into effect the Bureau will be immediately advised. 7

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ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PAROLE SUBJECT. INS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD  
BE PAROLLED SOME TIME TODAY AND THIS OFFICE WOULD BE ADVISED OF  
HIS ADDRESS, WHICH HE HAS TO FURNISH PERIODICALLY TO INS. BUREAU  
REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHAT FURTHER ACTIONS DESIRED IN THIS MATTER.

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SAC, New York

August 13, 1948

Director, FBI

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ESPIONAGE - C and J  
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Reurlet dated July 29, 1948.

No further action need be taken by you.

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Alien Enemy Control Unit

March 14, 1949

Director, FBI

BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN

Your file # 144-13-2-21-330

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Reference is made to your memorandum of February 11, 1949 wherein you enclosed a copy of a letter from [redacted] inquiring concerning the above captioned individual.

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In [redacted] letter he indicated that Kuehn had requested him to obtain his, Kuehn's, marriage and birth certificates.

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Information has been received from the Honolulu Office of this Bureau that the requested documents were in the custody of the Office of Alien Property. These documents were transmitted by the Office of Alien Property to [redacted] SOAF, Washington, D. C. to be released to [redacted] at his discretion. The papers consist of German passports issued to Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn in 1940, a marriage certificate, birth certificates of Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn and son Hans, and an affidavit of the birth of their daughter Ruth.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [REDACTED] - Internal Security DATE: February 11, 1949  
 FROM : [REDACTED] Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 SUBJECT: Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn: 146-13-2-21-230 - Alien Enemy Control Unit

With reference to our telephone conversation, I annex a copy of a self-explanatory letter from [REDACTED] concerning the above individual, who departed from the United States pursuant to an order of removal issued under authority of the Alien Enemy Act of 1798.

Will you kindly advise me whether the documents requested by Kuehn are available, and if so, what steps [REDACTED] should take to secure their return.

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Attorney and Counselor

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Detroit 26, Michigan

February 8, 1949

Re: Bernard Julius Otto Kuehn  
146-13-2-21-230

Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Otto Kuehn who, as you know, went to Buenos Aires, wrote to me the other day requesting my assistance in securing for him his marriage certificate and birth certificate. Also the birth certificates of his wife and his son Hans. These papers were taken by the F. B. I. at Honolulu at the time of Mr. Kuehn's original arrest and were never returned.

I will appreciate your advising me whether you can secure the return of these documents for me, or notifying me whom I must contact for the same.

I am anxious to secure these documents for Mr. Kuehn at the earliest possible moment and will appreciate your assistance.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I am,

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]  
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MARCH 1, 1949

SAC, HONOLULU

BERNARD JULIUS OTTO KUHN, WAS., ET AL, ESPIONAGE - J. SUBJECT, WHO IS NOW IN BUENOS AIRES, HAS MADE A REQUEST TO [REDACTED] TO SECURE KUHN'S MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND ALSO THE BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF HIS WIFE AND SON, HANS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] LETTER THESE PAPERS WERE TAKEN BY THE FBI AT HONOLULU AT THE TIME OF KUHN'S ORIGINAL ARREST AND WERE NEVER RETURNED. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THE DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM KUHN AND IF SO THE STEPS NECESSARY TO SECURE THEIR RETURN TO KUHN. SUTEL BY MARCH EIGHT, NINETEEN FORTYNINE.

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A review of the Bureau files does not reveal the presence of the requested documents.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: April 14, 1949

To: [REDACTED]

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Office of Alien Property

Attention: [REDACTED]

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Office of Alien Property

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: EDWARD JULIUS OTTO KUEHN

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 24, 1949, concerning the property of the above captioned individual.

For your information this Bureau's inquiry in Honolulu concerning the documents belonging to Otto Kuehn was made at the instance of [REDACTED] of the Alien Enemy Control Unit, who had received a [REDACTED] and written to [REDACTED] in behalf of Kuehn to determine how Kuehn could recover his documents. A reply from this Bureau was made on March 16, 1949, to [REDACTED] informing him that the documents were in the possession of [REDACTED], Office of Alien Property, Washington, D. C. The inquiry in Honolulu concerning Kuehn's papers was merely in compliance with [REDACTED] request.

cc [REDACTED] Alien Enemy Control Unit

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